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by Charles Fillmore

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The Risen Life

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SOMEONE HAS SAID that the greatest issue before the people is how to attain health. This issue involves a consideration of eternal life; therefore this lesson has a direct bearing upon health.

The "risen life" does not refer especially to the man Jesus or to the Resurrection but to the raising of all life to the divine consciousness. This is an important subject to the race and to every individual. It has been a matter for thought to men in all times and is the foundation of the Christian faith. "If Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain." If the resurrection of this one man did not take place, then we have but little hope. The demonstration was necessary to the race.

This matter of the resurrection of Jesus, and the possible overcoming of death by all men, has been warped and misunderstood by religious teachers until but a vestige of the original truth is taught. Christian

literature is dark with the death of Jesus and His going to a far away heaven, right in the face of His declaration: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The fact clearly brought out in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is that man has power to overcome death and that Jesus' experience was a demonstration and example for all. Jesus did not give up His body and leave it to the worms, but He put new life into it after the old had been crossed out. So Jesus did not die and should never be referred to in the same category as those who fall asleep in the Adam dream.

The body is self-perpetuating, self-renewing; and this alone should give a hint of the importance of a right understanding of man's organism and the power over it attained by Jesus. Through false reasoning all kinds of wrong conclusions have been reached and taught as the truth. One of these errors is that death is a part of the great original plan. Scripture has been quoted again and again to sustain this idea, but it should be remembered that "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" was spoken of the mortal man, who dies because he falls short of obedience to the divine law. There is another man, the true man, the Christ of God, who never fails to measure up to the divine standard, and eternal life is his reward. So we should put away all theories about dying and study life as it is in Spirit and as it is manifested in spiritual man. Then we shall arrive at the right understanding.

Again and again cases are cited of those who went into a comatose condition and afterwards returned to consciousness; and some people have

claimed that there is no difference between such an occurrence and the resurrection of Jesus. But this is not true. His resurrection was far more than such a temporary awakening. He resurrected His body through a law that is set forth in the Scriptures under many symbols.

Certain discords produce certain effects. Anger, jealousy, fear, lust, and the like are the cause of the ills of the body. The sum total of error thoughts is called in Scripture "the mind of the flesh." Error thoughts produce an adverse state of consciousness, and it is this which causes the death of the body.

Then the first step in the resurrection is to do away with "the mind of the flesh." The crossing out or crucifixion of error takes place daily in those who are following Jesus. Paul said, "I die daily." Unless the second step, the resurrection, also follows daily, the demonstration of life cannot be made.

So we find as we analyze the situation that the body is not responsible for all the errors manifest in it, nor for its material appearance. The mind of the flesh, the mortal ego, makes pictures that are untrue and builds them thought by thought into the muscles and blood and bones.

The difference between the resurrection of Jesus and all temporary resurrections is that He did away with error, wiped it completely out of His consciousness, and brought His mind and body into their spiritual perfection. He took on Himself the "likeness of sinful flesh" that He might do this great overcoming work for the race and show all men how they could overcome death—by taking the same mental steps that He took.

The body He raised was the same body that was crucified. This is beyond question. He not only appeared to His disciples but showed them the marks of the nails in His hands and of the spear in His side. The crucifixion on Calvary was the final step in a work that had been going on in Him for thirty-three years, and when He arose He was entirely free from the mind of the flesh, with all its limitations. He had overcome, put entirely out of consciousness, all of carnal mind that He had taken on in order to free the race from its bondage. His body was no longer subject to the disintegrating effects of this mind of the flesh; and this was the difference between His resurrection and that of other men. He raised Lazarus and others; but they had not overcome the mind of the flesh, and the same old errors again produced the same results. The body is destroyed by sin and ignorance and made alive in Christ through understanding and righteousness.

Jesus was an overcomer, and all His experiences tend to this one thing. The greatest work man can do is to follow Him in this overcoming life. "He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne." A throne is a seat of dominion. Jesus Christ's throne is within every man who will follow Him all the way to the overcoming of death.

For freedom did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.—GALATIANS.

"I Was a Stranger"

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CLEDA REYNER

FOLLOWING the crucifixion of Jesus two of His followers talked sorrowfully about the event as they walked from Jerusalem toward the village of Emmaus seven miles away. A stranger overtook them, joined them in conversation, and stayed to break bread with them when they reached the village. With the breaking and blessing of the bread their eyes were opened and they realized that the companion of their journey and their meal was Jesus Christ Himself.

Many stories have been written about Christ's appearance among men. There is the story of the Fourth Wise Man who started with the other three to take gifts and pay homage to the Christ child. But on the way so many persons needed his help and ministrations that before he arrived, weary and empty-handed, at his destination Jesus had grown up and been crucified. However he was rewarded for all he had done. Christ appeared and told him that each time he had stopped to minister he had ministered unto Him.

There is the story of Saint Christopher who at a river he was about to cross discovered a little crippled man who wished to be assisted over. Saint Christopher lifted him to his back, and when he set him down on the opposite shore he discovered that it was Christ to whom he had given his kindness.

Then there is the story of the innkeeper who spent a frenzied day preparing his inn and a special room for the Master, the Great One, who was to arrive in the village sometime during the day. When his efforts were over and he was sitting late in the night wondering why the Master had not come, he dozed in his tiredness, and a vision came. He saw again a little girl who had come to his door that morning to sell some flowers. He had sent her on her way, for he was busy preparing for the Master. He saw the strong young man who had come and asked for work to do, but he had been impatient and sent him away. He was preparing for the Master. He saw again the tired, feeble old man who had knocked and asked for water, and he heard himself tell him to go to the well. He had not had time to fetch him water; he was getting ready for the Master. Then Christ appeared and told him that He was the child, the young man, and the old man. He was all those who had come to his door that day.

Such stories emphasize the truth that we may find Christ anywhere upon the road of life. We walk with Christ, we talk with Christ, we serve Christ when we walk with and talk with and serve our fellow men, for Christ inhabits every living soul. He is not a man but a spirit in man. He is the spirit of love, the spirit of wisdom, of courage, and of power. He is the spirit of life itself. We find Him in the solitude of our own soul; we find Him in the midst of the multitudes. He is in the church and in the market place, in the home and in the schoolroom. He is in high places and in low. He is in all the places where the children of men may be. We may find Him on

Sunday, but He is present quite as much on Monday and Tuesday and the other days. He is the child, the youth, the adult of humanity; He is humanity itself.

We all discover in part the Christ in mankind, but it takes a burning belief in Him to recognize Him in a person who seems to have little in him to remind us of Him. "Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way?" said one of the followers to the other as they marveled at the fact that Christ had walked with them from Jerusalem to Emmaus in the guise of a stranger.

Christ in mankind seldom introduces Himself, but Christ in mankind is responsive to recognition. We recognize the Christ in man when we see beyond the "stranger" to the inner, real man. Man's hopes, his aspirations, his deeper feelings, and his dreams lie hidden and unrevealed except to those who have developed the art of releasing them, which is the art of seeing the Christ. To develop the art of seeing, hearing, and calling out these hidden treasures of soul and character is worth a lifetime's effort.

Poets and artists seem especially gifted at seeing beauty and greatness that those less sensitive overlook; they look beyond surface appearances and bring into relief the hidden spirit and beauty that exist everywhere, in everyone.

It is told of Michelangelo that as he was passing through a poverty-stricken part of Italy he passed a woman who sat with two children upon the stoop of her house. All the evidences of poverty were there —the poor little house, the dirty street, the unkempt surroundings—but the only thing he saw was the woman. He passed her and returned to look again.

His impression has been immortalized as "The Madonna."

The artist Millet passed two peasants in the field. Casual observers would have seen nothing in them worthy of special notice, but Millet saw beauty in their plainness and their labor, and "The Gleaners" has become a heritage of our time.

The artists of the brush have done much for us, but there are men in every walk of life who are artists at discovering and calling forth the good, the true, and the beautiful. With a glance, a word, an act, a prayer they call forth from their fellow human beings something of the wonder that is hidden there. They make you feel aware of the things you can do rather than the things you cannot. They see beyond the sins of their brother to his desire to do better. They see beyond the indifference and fears of others to the real self that is greater than such limitations. They see beyond half-expressed ideas to the whole ones that lack only strength of maturity and expression.

Such an artist in helping others is Father Flanagan, who looked into the hearts of delinquent boys and said, "There is no such thing as a bad boy." Out of that conviction Boy's Town has grown and offers living proof of his faith in the innate goodness of man.

Faith in mankind was exhibited by Dr. Philippe Pinel, who was an early advocate of humane treatment for the insane. Shortly after the French Revolution he looked into the tortured minds of the insane and saw a spirit of wholeness and soundness of mind that could be called forth. The ever-increasing

number of restored mental cases since his time are a justification of his faith.

All of us are artists in our own way who believe that Christ dwells in the heart of every man, woman, and child, and who in harmony with our belief treat everyone with the love and the dignity that Christ merits.

When conviction comes that Christ lives in the heart of mankind, that His Spirit flows deep and strong in our family, in our neighbors and business associates, life takes on a harmonious hue that is absent without it. One woman said that in spite of the fact that she is older, that employment is supposed to be harder to obtain for one of her years, that she is alone, life is more wonderful than ever. She sees the whole world filled with the spirit of Christ and herself filled with a spirit that is equal to her experiences.

No bitterness dwells in the person who recognizes Christ in his fellow men. No fear possesses him concerning his own or the world's destiny. Christ lives, and great peace have they that walk with Him and talk with Him and let their heart burn with the joy of beholding Him in the men and women, the youth and the children that they walk and talk and live with day by day.

"I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . . . Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, *even* these least, ye did it unto me."

Consider the Lily

ANNIE S. GREENWOOD

CONSIDER THE LILIES . . . how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin." Surely though they do have their place in the divine plan. They do not contribute to our shelter, food, or clothing, yet there are few of us who would willingly see them banished from our life. To all of us they bring cheer and sweetness; where beauty already prevails they add more of it; to places of drabness they bring light. Sweet and beautiful symbol of Easter, they are not restricted to that season, though millions of them are grown for that particular day.

The lily's value is not measured in cold dollars; its worth is not computed in terms of calories, vitamins, or any other material necessary. It is a luxury!

Most of the year the lily bulb has lain dormant, seemingly idle and useless, but when it bursts forth into bloom do we not feel that it has justified its existence? Does it not repay us for the long months when we waited for its development? During all this time of obscurity it must have been constantly gathering from the Father's rich storehouse of nature all the ingredients necessary for that exquisite production with which it finally greets us. If in the divine plan all those months of apparent inactivity were necessary to bring about such a result, then surely there has been no wasted time.

To be sure, there are many plants that have

greater practical value and that mature in much less time and furnish us with necessary food, without which we could not so easily sustain life. They are common, everyday necessaries. We have to have them, and we take them for granted, unemotionally accepting them as plain matter-of-fact supplies for daily existence. We need however to remember that the beauty of the lily, with its fragrant richness, which seeps into our very heart, brings a deep, quiet peace to the soul and is just as truly important and valuable as are those commoner things we accept every day as essentials to living.

The practical side of life must have consideration, but the aesthetic and spiritual must too; neither can be complete without the other. One provides for the body, the other for the spirit.

Yes, but why need the lily spend so much time getting ready for that brief period of joy-bringing? We do not know. Evidently that is the Father's way of enabling it to store up the exquisite fragrance so essentially its own, that with which it cheers aching hearts, carries happiness, enriches any occasion. We may be sure there was no wasted time; through every day of seeming idleness there was being created something that must eventually come forth as a perfection to bless the world.

The analogy should be complete in our own life. Usually we are so absorbed in objective activities that we consider every hour a precious one. There is so much to be done that we do not want to waste any time. Everything we do is practical and worth while too. We can evaluate it in dollars and cents. We are getting things done, good common-sense

things, and are extremely busy. In fact we are so busy doing that we are likely to overlook being.

Then something takes place. Possibly an illness or accident snatches us out of that feverish, ceaseless routine of doing. Not stopping to realize that it is the natural result of something within ourselves —perhaps overanxiety about our work, perhaps negative thinking of some other kind, possibly an unrecognized fear, a long-nourished feeling of undue hurry, the seething of an old resentment, or the outgrowth of a frustration—we chafe at our temporary enforced idleness. We simply cannot afford to be wasting time like this! Days and sometimes weeks or months drag along while we still remain idle and we are inclined to think of it as a tragedy because there is so much we want to be doing.

What we derive from such an experience depends upon ourselves. As always in life, the choice is ours. We may do as we will with this period of quietude which has come upon us. Regardless of its length, we may prolong it by impatience, irritation, and consciousness of its futility. Or we may coin it into a deeper and more enduring richness, which in later days will bless the world with the added beauty and loveliness that we stored up during the period of inactivity. As the lily, lying dormant for months, has gathered that which meets the spiritual needs of man, so we, while kept from our usual doing, have the privilege of increasing our quality of being to such an extent that we ourselves as well as others come to realize that there has been no waste of time. It was a quiet period when activity was exchanged for inner growth; it was indeed time well spent.

The sidetracking of ordinary plans and postponement of the usual activities may have been exceedingly inconvenient, the days and nights may have seemed interminably long. Nevertheless if like the lily we have been replenishing our spiritual power and beauty, strengthening our faith, acquiring a greater love for God and man, getting ready for greater service through being, we may know that every hour has served its divine purpose and that there has been no loss. It has given us new opportunity to cultivate new thought patterns, to root out undesirable habits, to broadcast love to mankind, to build new plans for kindly helpfulness and to realize the value of a leisure in which to grow spiritually. It has trained us more fully to "be still, and know."

Let us consider the lily and get ready for a fuller and more beautiful unfoldment, one that is likely to radiate greater joy and peace to a busy world that sorely needs their gracious influence.

When We Find Christ

Mabel Hatton Marks

When we find Christ within our heart,
  We lift His banner high,
And life becomes a joyous song,
  A song and not a sigh.

And when we learn to find the Christ
  In all hearts everywhere,
Then life becomes a lifted psalm,
  A psalm of grateful prayer.

You Can Learn to Live Successfully

MARY FISHER

RECENTLY ONE of my friends was in a cleaning establishment waiting to talk to the proprietor, when a woman whom she knew only slightly came into the shop to pick up a garment that she had left to be cleaned.

While both women were waiting and exchanging pleasantries, suddenly the waiting customer asked my friend if she knew of an apartment for rent? My friend was just ready to tell her that she was vacating her own apartment soon in order to move into her new home, when the owner of the cleaning establishment delivered the woman's garment.

The customer took up the garment and examined it, and obviously the finished work did not meet with her approval. Instead of calmly expressing dissatisfaction with the cleaner however the woman gave vent to her temper in a tirade of abuse and demanded her money back. The owner of the shop tried to be a gentleman all the way through, but it was an embarrassing ordeal for all who were present.

After the customer had expressed her feelings in angry, abusive words to the shop owner, she turned to my friend and said, "What did you start to tell me about an apartment?"

My friend hastily answered, "I'm sorry Miss Blank, I just can't tell you where you can find an apartment now."

When my friend told me about the unhappy

incident she said, "I was perfectly honest in telling that woman that I could not tell her where she could find an apartment, because I would not inflict her bad disposition on my landlord—he's too fine a man."

I have thought of that incident many times. To me that customer, a woman who is highly influential as a teacher, one who is trying to lead others, is standing in her own light. She had an apartment right in her grasp, an apartment that is reasonable in price and located in an ideal part of the city, but because this teacher had not yet learned to control her own emotions, she frightened her good away. In spite of her education and training she has not yet really learned how to live successfully.

Many of us take living for granted and blame our success or failure on bad luck or ill fortune. But living is a business; it is the biggest, the most worthwhile occupation of the human race, and it can be done successfully or haphazardly, just as the "liver" chooses. It took me years to find out that we ourselves are responsible for our success or our hardships.

Through actual experience I proved this great truth. When I was broken both physically and materially I went to see a Truth teacher who had the wisdom and the courage to point out the fallacies in my thinking and show me the path to successful living. That Truth teacher lived the thing that he represented. When I went to him he had every right to be stern and cross with me, because I was ill and ugly in disposition. But he controlled his own emotions and talked to me as I am sure Jesus must have talked to His disciples when they went astray.

The first thing he taught me was that anger poisons our bloodstream and often causes stomach disorders, respiratory diseases, and skin irritations that sometimes even become malignant. Because I was desperate I believed the man, and the first step I made toward the permanent recovery of my health was when I began trying to control my emotions. Controlling my emotions was not an easy task; breaking a bad habit is seldom an easy task, and I grew discouraged many times. At last I returned to the Truth teacher feeling that I was completely beaten. I said: "Try as hard as I may, I still get angry and say mean things to my loved ones and to my friends, and then I become ill in body and soul again."

My Truth teacher took my shaking hands in his and with the patience of a saint he said: "Daughter, who do you think gives you life? Whose power is it that gives your hands strength and keeps them as well as they are?"

In shame I hung my head and answered, "God."

"Then if God gives you life, why can't you learn to talk to God through prayer and faith clearly enough so that He can begin to understand and help you control your emotions, your anger, and your tongue?" My teacher then took me into an inner chamber and set me down before a beautiful picture of Jesus, and in words as sweet as music he said: "This is only a picture, a man-made replica of our divine Saviour Jesus Christ, but because some of us are so very human, we need tangible things on which to found our new life. Study this picture and pray until I come for you."

I felt a bit foolish just sitting in that tiny room with a picture before me, but when I relaxed and stilled my emotions the picture began to take on real significance. Before I realized it fully I was praying. I was not just saying words, I was actually talking directly to the Spirit of Christ within my own heart and making contact with God. There in that little sanctuary I found the power that moves mountains and gives life. God became so real to me that I could feel His presence all around me. That was one of the most glorious experiences I have ever known, and when my Truth teacher came to take me from that room, I could scarcely believe I had spent two whole hours in that blessed silence. I call it a silence, because there was no audible sound, yet it was far from silent within my own heart. It was a mountain-top experience that changed the course of my whole life.

My Truth teacher's voice sounded like tinkling bells as he said: "From the radiance of your face I know that you are healed. From now on I shall have no fear for you or your future. You are once more truly a child of God, and you will grow in wisdom as you walk in His precious light."

Because I was so very human I stumbled many times after that experience. I lost my temper and said mean things, but each time that I made a mistake I would go and sit before a picture of Jesus that my teacher had given me. Knowing full well that it was only a picture, I did not worship it, instead I worshiped the Christ that it stood for, but somehow that picture helped me to still my inner feelings of fear, and I could ask forgiveness and find

the Spirit of the living Christ more quickly in its presence. Before I completely gained control of my temper and my emotions, I had a picture of Jesus in every room of our house. They were not large pictures, but they were constant reminders to me of the power that lives within my own body and is mine for the asking, and at my command. Later I discarded them. Having to resort to pictures my seem to many a sign of exceeding weakness, but mistakes are not always signs of weakness, instead they are most often caused from lack of understanding or lack of training. Pope wrote, "To err is human; to forgive, divine."

Some of our most highly educated people still believe that force and the display of authority through temper is the way to gain their own ends of success and power. How absurdly wrong that idea is. Jesus taught that love can move mountains and that love turns away wrath. Since I became a Truth student we prove this blessed rule in our own home day after day. The rule of love works in every way. It will bring health, happiness, and prosperity as well.

A few months ago I had occasion to shop in a store in a town other than our own. It was a nice store and one that carried many so-called hard-to-get items. I had heard of the store for years, but I had also heard of the cantankerous disposition of its owner, consequently I had shunned it. This day I saw a jacket in the store's display window that looked as though it might fit my youngest son. My first impulse was to rush into the establishment and ask to see the jacket, but then I hesitated, dreading to en-

counter unpleasantness from the owner if the coat proved to be something that my son could not use. I started to turn away and then a voice within me seemed to say, "That store's owner is a child of God just the same as you are." Instantly I grew still and there, beside that shop window, I asked God to bless the proprietor of the establishment and to go before me and clear the way. I declared peace over and over again, and then I thanked God that He is all-powerful and that with Him all things are possible for good.

I felt relaxed and at ease as I went into the store and asked to see the jacket in the window. The owner came to wait upon me and his brusqueness sent a thrill of apprehension through me. Silently I affirmed that the Spirit of Christ in me blessed the Spirit of Christ in him and that he too was a child of God and all would be well between us. I made a small purchase but failed to find exactly the coat that I wanted. The store's owner began to bluster and speak sharply to me, but I was no longer fearful. I felt that beneath his rough exterior there was a heart hungry for human understanding; so even though the man was almost ill-mannered, I remained calm and serene. Over and over I silently blessed him and asked God to help him find happiness. I knew full well that no human being could be happy and be as cross and disagreeable as that storekeeper was. I cannot explain how it happened, it came so quickly; but before I realized it the man's attitude changed and he began asking me where I lived and all about the family. That was just the opportunity I needed. I told him my name and occu-

pation and a bit about my husband and my family. As we talked the mask of hardness fell from the man's countenance, and deep within his dark eyes I saw a longing for friendship and human understanding. Before I left the store I told him how nice it had been really to get to know him a little and thanked him for his time. As my son and I went toward the door, the man came from behind the counter and held out his hand in friendship saying, "Please come in and see me whenever you and your family are in town. None of you need buy anything, just come and see me. I'm a lonely man."

As I left the building I thanked God for the beautiful experience and asked a blessing for the owner.

About a month later my oldest son needed some clothes that could not be had in my town and my thoughts turned immediately to the store filled with the hard-to-get items and its owner in the distant city. We went there at once.

As we entered the store I again blessed it and its proprietor, who was busy at his desk, frowning and looking as forbidding as before. A clerk came to inquire about our needs. The instant I spoke the owner raised his head and looked in our direction. Seeing my son and me, he immediately arose and came toward us, saying, "I will wait on these folks, John; they are special friends of mine."

Before I had had time to do more than speak the owner stepped behind the counter, reached far down under a pile of merchandise, and brought out a package neatly wrapped in tissue paper. There was a radiance about his face as he said: "This store has never been the same since you and your other

son visited it four weeks ago. When you folks came you brought something with you that has remained. I have thought of your visit every day, and last week when a shipment of nylon hose came in, I selected a beautiful pair and laid them aside for you. I hope you will accept them in appreciation of something I can neither understand nor explain."

Needless to say, we found exactly the clothes that my son needed, but I found something far more precious than material goods that day. I found God's healing power adding balm to a restless heart and bringing human understanding to one of His children who had been confused.

The nylon hose almost overwhelmed me as this incident happened during the extreme hosiery shortage. Just the day before I had asked God that I might find a much-needed pair of hose for a friend, if it were His will. I was so deeply grateful for my gift, I thanked God over and over for my answered prayer, and during my devotional period that night I asked a very special blessing on the merchant.

The next morning it came to me that I must write that merchant a thank-you letter. At first I wrote a very formal letter of appreciation, but somehow that would not suffice. I even addressed the envelope and tried to tuck the letter inside, but something stayed my hand. I wrote another letter, but it too failed to meet my need. At last I relaxed and asked God to speak through me and make known the message He would have the store's owner receive.

Instantly came the thought that I must tell the man the exact truth about how desperately my friend had needed some hose in order to attend a wedding,

and how I had prayed that if it were God's will, I might be the means of filling her need, because she had done many nice things for me. When my conscience told me I must tell the man how he had been the means of answering my prayer, I hesitated, lest he think I was a religious crank.

At last I got up and went about my work, convinced that I had misinterpreted God's leading; surely it was not meant for me to tell a hard-boiled businessman about God and prayer.

I spent a miserable hour trying to ignore the inner urging, and then I succumbed and wrote the storekeeper a letter telling him how he had been the means of answered prayer. I made it brief, yet sincere and at the close I wrote, "May God bless you for the happiness you have brought."

I felt a little foolish even after the letter was mailed. People do not ordinarily bare their personal life to strangers, but as the day wore on I felt "lifted," as though I were in a holy presence.

A few days later I received a note from the merchant asking me to stop in at his store the next time I was in his city; he had another package for me.

When I called I naturally found that the man had saved another beautiful pair of nylon hose for me, to replace the pair I had given to my friend. Before he handed me the gift he asked me to step into his office; he wanted to have a talk with me. There were tears in his fine eyes as he said: "I want to thank you for that beautiful letter you wrote to me. It did something to my life that nothing else has ever been able to do; it brought me face to face with God." Then he told me about his life, how

he had come as an emigrant boy to America, a strange land, and without friends or money had fought desperately for survival. As I listened I began to understand how easy it would be for anyone in his position to grow hard and cynical. He ended his story by saying: "The more dynamic I became in the business world the more I gloried in seeing my fellow men afraid of my power. I gloried in my success, and I loved to make people cringe and bow to my will in retaliation for the suffering I had endured in my youth. The afternoon you and your son first entered my store I was a very lonely and unpopular man. When you failed to cringe before my sharp tongue, I became interested in trying to find out why I did not frighten you. After you two had left my establishment I thought much about your visit. Somehow you left something with me that did not disappear; you left a lingering presence, and for the first time in my sixty-odd years of living I stopped and wondered about God—whether there was a God and, if so, what He was like. As I wondered if there really was a God, the answer would always be 'God is real; you saw Him today in action.' "

As the man talked I felt very grateful and very humble.

"When your letter came thanking me for the hose I knew what it was you had brought into my establishment and what had remained. You had brought brotherly love and understanding, things that I had tried to kill all through the years."

"You cannot kill God's love," I whispered.

The man looked at me with radiant eyes: "I

know that now. Your letter proved it to me by pointing out that I had been the medium through which God had answered your prayer." Then he added, "That letter is more precious to me than all of my accumulated wealth. It brought me face to face with reality and proved to me that there is a God and that God answers prayer."

Later the man told me that he had shown my letter to a professional man who was in serious trouble, and after the man had read its message he had asked if he might have the letter for his own? He wanted it as a tangible reminder that God is real and does answer prayer.

My merchant friend refused to part with the letter; instead he had it copied for his friend. Thus through listening to my own "inner voice" after I had sincerely asked for guidance, I had had a part in helping more than one weary soul find spiritual understanding and strengthening power.

As we go about the daily business of living—and always remember that "living is a business"—we must constantly keep tuned in to God and listen for His voice and then obey. God is real, God answers prayer, and with His help we can all live successfully. What one of us can accomplish we can all accomplish through prayer, because God is no respecter of persons; we are all His precious children, and if any one of us is meeting failure instead of success we must know positively that it is not God's fault. It absolutely is our own; for God's laws are immutable, they never fail to function. The Bible teaches that God made us in His own image and that man is little lower than the angels. Know-

ing the Bible to be founded on Truth, we therefore positively know that we are all God's children and that in our hands rests the privilege and the power to make our Father's laws work for our good. Each of us can learn to live successfully regardless of circumstances or other people.

BOUNDLESS

Vivian Yeiser Laramore

Aware that caterpillers hold
The magic grace of hidden wings,
Need any searching heart be told
The certainty of unseen things?

Convinced that acorns cup an oak
And time supports eternity,
Need any reaching mind evoke
More undisputed imagry?

If mind have seen the flowering spring,
The yielding summer, and the flame
Of autumn, is there anything
The mind conceives it cannot claim?

We only need to reason less
And lean on faith a little more
To find that peace and happiness
Have entered by an open door.

The Power of Imagination

VAN SCOTEN

CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT! Yes, our mind can imagine whatever we desire it to imagine. It can imagine the bad as well as the good, the ugly as well as the beautiful, poverty as well as prosperity, sickness as well as health.

The imagination is forever focusing an image upon the screen of the mind. An image is a picture held in the mind.

What kind of images are you holding? Look well at the ones within your own mind, and you will know the kind of a life you are building. You can picture yourself as prince or pauper, as a beautiful princess or a poor little Cinderella. You can live in a palace or a hovel. Via the imagination you can travel to California and be home in time for lunch. Via the imagination you can soar to the heights of great achievement.

The imagination is one of the most important powers of man. Through this faculty we have the power to image the good into our life. The imagination must be used in a constructive way to create the good only. God intended this faculty of the mind to create the good, but man has used it to create evil too. "No man can serve two masters"; that is, hold thoughts of good and evil at the same time and expect good to come forth.

Every good and perfect idea comes from the one Mind. God has given us access to its perfect

ideas. We have only to tap this infinite Mind to obtain all the ideas we need; attune our mind to it and enter into perfect harmony with it. Many times we misinterpret or wrongly combine ideas and get an imperfect image. We must form our image according to the perfect pattern if we want a perfect creation.

The imagination embodies ideas in shape and substance. We might have the most perfect ideas, but without the creative power of the imagination nothing can be brought forth into manifestation. Suppose the idea of a new type of house comes into your mind. It is a perfect idea, but unless you take it and focus your faculty of imagination upon it you will never get far. No one can build or create anything without an image or plan to go by.

We are made in the image and likeness of God. Through the imagination we are able to grasp the true pattern of our divine self. Hold fast to this ideal pattern, for what you behold, that you will eventually become. See yourself as a true and perfect child of God, and you will become one. Every picture you form should be in the image and likeness of God, good.

Let me cite the case of a girl who was crippled but who constantly held in mind a perfect picture of herself as well and strong. While her body was deformed and she wore a heavy cast and brace, she refused to hold this picture of herself in her mind. Instead of visualizing herself as sitting in a wheel chair for the rest of her life, she pictured herself walking, running, jumping, dancing, swimming, playing ball, tennis, and golf. She studied books

and magazines on sports, exercise, and physical culture. She made a "treasure map," pasting on it pictures of all that she wanted to be and do. She affirmed the truth of her God self. Ultimately her body outpictured the health that she imaged for it, and today she is active in Truth work.

Go to the Father in silent prayer in the recesses of your own soul, and let Him reveal to you the ideas that are for you to use. Then turn on the power of imagination and create a perfect picture of that which you desire to see made manifest. Keep this image before you until it brings forth the ideal creation.

"Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image." I wonder how many of us realize that every time we hold a mental picture of sin, sickness, poverty, hate, fear, or other negative condition we are making for ourselves a "graven image," worshiping a false god. Of course none of us want these negative conditions in our life. Therefore we must change our thinking and hold perfect images.

How much better it is to image yourself as well, strong, and youthful than as sickly and getting old. How much better it is to image yourself as successful and prosperous, with plenty of money to pay all your bills, than as poor and worried about paying the landlord when he comes for the rent. It is much better to image yourself as living in love and surrounded by harmonious conditions than as surrounded by discord and hate. It takes no more energy to picture the good, and you will get a great deal more enjoyment out of life by thinking of the good things that you know are coming your way.

We are masters of our fate when we hold steadfastly to the ideal image of the good we desire to see come forth. Hold this image of the good in your mind until it becomes an established fact throughout your whole being.

Fear, worry, and anxiety have no place in a well-balanced life. When we allow the imagination to run riot it often conjures up all kinds of fearful images. These negative images must be cast out. When an image has become fixed in the subconscious mind it is hard to get rid of. Destroy the imperfect image. Deny that it has any power over you. No negative mental image can have power over you unless you give it power.

There are people who imagine that they have all sorts of ailments, from measles to cancer. I know a doctor who said that "imaginitis" is all that ails these patients. As long as they continue to hold before them these images of sickness and disease and imperfection they can never expect to have perfect health. Whatever we hold in the mind will sooner or later become manifest for us. So why not hold the kind of pictures that we want to see exemplified in our life? I have known of diseases and infirmities that have been harbored over years, when a new thought image would have erased the old negative condition from the body!

We often install false images into the minds of children. How many times have we heard parents say, "Be careful or you'll fall," "Watch your step or you'll hurt yourself," and very often the child images the suggestion and hurts himself. We expect our children to have the measles and all the other

diseases, and they do. Our mental images of fear and sickness are impressed upon the mind of the child, and he takes on the condition we see him in. I know a child brought up on fear who lived a miserable young life. Years later through the study of Truth she was able to free herself from the bonds of negative fear images formed in childhood.

Much time is wasted when we allow the mind to wander from one image to another. Idle day-dreaming is not using the imagination in a constructive way. Everyone should have a purpose in life and then hold steadfastly to the perfect idea of this purpose. No person can get very far if one day he pictures himself as a lawyer and the next day as an artist.

I know a woman who had little material wealth, but she desired the better things of life, so she imaged them. She pictured herself as being the best-dressed woman, living in a beautiful modern home, traveling over the country in airplanes and deluxe trains, owning her own car, and doing work that she knew she was best fitted for. Everything that she pictured finally came into her life, because she was true and faithful in holding to the perfect image of what she wanted.

Imagination is able to build character, for the right image held in mind will erase any bad habit. The thief who will hold a picture of himself as an honest man can not help but become honest. The liar who holds the image of truth before him will become truthful. The lazy person who holds in mind a picture of success will become successful.

Do you picture yourself as getting old, feeble,

and bent over, or do you picture yourself as young, vital, and energetic, filled with the zest for living? Many times we find ourselves in the company of people who are always expressing some negative idea, which if we are not on the alert will instill in our mind a picture that we do not want to entertain. Are you living with a person who every time he gets up out of a chair says, "Oh, I'm so stiff and lame, I must be getting old"? Watch your thinking and see that you do not form images that represent your body as lame and stiff.

The body is being constantly renewed and should never grow old. It never will grow old if we hold the right thought images. But instead of beholding a perfect image of a perfect body filled with youth and vigor we imagine that we are getting old, because we have passed the half-century mark in years, we think it is about time we took on weakness and old age. Our body is a willing servant, but we must feed it with nutritious thoughts of life and health and youth.

In his book *Christian Healing* Charles Fillmore says, "What a man imagines he can do, that he can do." Nothing is impossible to the man of imagination. Whatever we wish to do we must first image. The man who desires to build a house must first image it, first mentally draw the plans. The artist must first image the picture he is about to paint. The man who desires to be a success in business must first image himself as successful.

Every negative image can be erased from the mind by putting in its place a positive, constructive one. If you have been holding the image of sickness

and old age in your mind you must change that image by affirming, "I am well and strong and youthful." If you have been holding the thought that you are poor and a failure you must change this by affirming, "I am rich and successful in all that I do."

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Through developing a new mental image and holding it steadily and unwaveringly before our mind we renew our mind. As we behold this new image the old false thoughts will fade away into nothingness.

"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Jesus held in His mind the perfect image of Himself as the Son of God. He thought Godlike thoughts, casting out of His mind all false images. If Jesus had not kept before Himself the idea of the perfect God self He never could have accomplished what He did. We too can do the same things and even "greater works than these" if we keep our mind filled with the perfect image of good.

A Trinity

Beulah Vick Bickley

Body, soul, and spirit,
Trinity from God—
Sent to dwell forever
Upon this earthly sod—
You are His forever,
Beautiful, divine,
Flower of perfection,
Loveliness is thine.

The Art of Being Wealthy

ELIZABETH BARR HAAS

ALADDIN summoned his jinni. The impoverished old woman was granted her "three wishes." Jason by dauntless derring-do won the Golden Fleece. Ali Baba spoke his magic "Open sesame!"

Fable and mythology are full of these tales of sudden wealth and fortune. A lamp is rubbed, an incantation uttered, a key is turned, and suddenly all the riches of the Indies pour out upon the startled recipient.

Perhaps these tales merely bear out the fact that wishful thinking is not an invention of modern thought but goes back to the dim brink of antiquity. On the other hand, an idea so long and so dearly held may have at least a grain of solid truth shining among the airy chaff.

Privately it is my conviction that I too have a jinni; a good fairy that stands ready to grant my "three wishes," an "Open sesame!" to abundance. It is none other than the power that lies within myself!

Possibly the originators of the mythical tales had a glimmering of the same thought, even though it is commonly supposed that they were of an age that admitted small knowledge of the mighty uses to which the human mind can be put. Yet the urge of Spirit is the same in all ages; its light will not be hid. Spirit affirms: "God has riches for me."

An article in a popular magazine once drew a picture so startlingly clear that it has remained in my mind. A family of Dust Bowl "Oakies" were stalled beside the highway. Their rickety motorcar had given up the unequal struggle. Hitched to the rear was the inevitable trailer cluttered with household effects. Over the scene, including hungry children and a discouraged man, hung a general air of dejection and defeat. Yet beside the car, in an old wooden rocker—no doubt a relic of happier days—was seated a gaunt woman who dominated the group. Back and forth, back and forth she rocked, and the burden of her song was this: "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine."

The implication was that this woman's faith was unfounded amid circumstances beyond her power to redeem. It was hinted that these people, and thousands like them similarly afflicted with loss of patrimony, were doomed to be wanderers upon the face of the earth forever.

Yet in this woman and in others like her I have the utmost confidence. They are rocks. They are the shepherds who will lead their flocks at last to green pastures and still waters. I can almost see the woman of the rocking chair as she no doubt is this day. I see her moving about in a cozy kitchen, laying a table with a blue-checked cloth. There is the smell of a crusty hot loaf, a kettle singing. In the sunniest window—perhaps with a cat drowsing on its calico cushion—stands the "blessed-assurance" rocker, all its journeys ended.

All too often we find ourselves seemingly trapped in the treadmill of circumstance. The responsibility

of producing the family livelihood seems to tie us to a "nose-to-grindstone" existence, where we live out our days with one eye fixed on the budget and the other on what we feel to be our one source of supply, that all too meager pay envelope. Why—when God has such countless channels of supply?—when He vowed to Moses that He would "rain bread from heaven" and bring forth water from the rock? Why then should we feel that there is a limit to the good we may expect? There is much truth in the child's poem:

"The world is so full of a number of things,
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

No doubt what we need most is the will to raise our nose from the grindstone and look around us. We need a broad vista; we need to draw a wide arc of thought within which to perceive, correctly analyze, and profitably utilize the resources that God thus brings to our attention.

The truth is that we enjoy or lack abundance in direct proportion to our resourcefulness; and resourcefulness I define as the ability to make good use of God's unlimited resources. When we hear it said that a man has "come to the end of his resources," what we mean actually is that he has forgotten or neglected to use the power of his resourcefulness. We need the wisdom to make sound decisions, but above all we need courage to act upon decisions once made.

A one-time neighbor, told me in her own plain fashion how she met the challenge of supply.

"When my man died I was left with six kids to feed. It was during the depression. I had no money

—couldn't get a steady job. I did anything I could—washed windows, scrubbed floors, waited tables. I saved what I could. When I had one hundred dollars I went out and bought me an old jalopy.

"It was harvest time on the Coast, so I loaded my six kids into that rickety car, and we took off, following the crops.

"We picked peas in Washington, strawberries in Oregon, cotton in Texas, and grapes in California. Time the season was over we'd somehow managed to save up three hundred dollars.

"I took that three hundred dollars and made a down payment on a filling station. It was a good location on a busy highway. I started the kids in school. But the business wasn't good enough to keep us in comfort, so I traded in the old jalopy on a pick-up truck.

"Every morning real bright and early I'd take my truck down to the Los Angeles market and load 'er up with whatever was best and cheapest—grapefruit, bananas, maybe some days melons or avocados. I'd high-tail it back with my load and park 'er in front of my filling station, where I could tend to both businesses.

"Did I make good? Yes, I don't mind admitting I did. I raised my kids, and none of us went hungry. We had good clothes and the kids got their education."

She paused and a twinkle came into her dauntless eye. "Depression—phooey! Since then I haven't been afraid of anything!"

Perhaps when the Psalmist spoke the immortal words "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from

whence cometh my help," he did not mean "hills" in the literal sense of the word but those lofty promontories of the mind from which we view the whole magnitude of God's mighty resources in direct relation to ourselves.

It is in such high moments—or as a direct result of such moments—that God's wealth-giving ideas come unbidden into our mind. We touch the mother lode, and some part of its golden wealth adheres and clings. We should learn to detect these gleams of precious ore and to separate the metal from the dross.

God's only way of releasing His golden flood of abundance into our life is by opening our eyes to the immediacy of opportunity that is ours. We must be prepared to see the opportunity, grasp it, and make something of it.

In short, the art of being wealthy lies in our ability to ascend to the high point of vision where we see the multiplicity of God's infinite "ways and means." Descending from there to the workaday world, we must be swift to mold and formulate, to fashion and build, to teach and to do, even as God has shown us the way.

Ideas, good ideas, usable, practical, workable ideas, are the goods in which God deals. They are the mighty store of wealth that fills His treasuries to overflowing. When we make use of His ideas, His resources, we are invulnerable, we are resourceful. We are rich. Truly then we declare "Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want."

In all thy ways acknowledge him.—PROVERBS.

The Lighter Burden

FRED A. BARROW

IN PALESTINE in the days of the Master oxen were the principal animals used for heavy work. A pair of them, teamed together with a contrivance made of wood, which rested upon their necks and against their powerful shoulders, could pull a great load, and this contrivance was called a yoke. But sometimes the yoke did not sit well on the necks and shoulders of the beasts, with the result that painful sores were formed. Another type of yoke was one used by human beings for transporting things; it also was made of wood, and fitted around the neck and shoulders, its ends projecting beyond the shoulders, and from each end was suspended a pail or a basket in which was placed that which was to be transported.

Jesus, observed these things and used them to illustrate His teachings. He said to those about Him: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

How well Jesus knew the burdens of those who came to listen to His teachings! Some were weighted down with anxiety or fear; others with sickness or poverty. Some were galled by the yoke of false pride and haughtiness; others were laden with greed and selfishness. Many were burdened with the sins of dis-

honesty or intemperance or lust; still others bore crushing loads of vindictiveness and hatred.

Yes, Jesus was well aware of the burdens people bore, and He longed to lighten their burdens, or induce them to accept a yoke that would enable them to carry those burdens with less discomfort. "Accept the yoke of meekness and lowliness," said He in effect, "and your burdens will be lightened." Doubtless there were among His hearers many haughty and arrogant individuals who despised meekness and lowliness, who thought that such qualities indicated stupid submissiveness or maybe mental vacuity or empty-headedness, and this despite the fact that the Master had demonstrated both His wisdom and His power.

When we are "meek and lowly in heart" we are slow to take offense. The writer knew a clever and able young man who was inordinately proud of his talents; and he was very "touchy" with regard to them and was constantly nursing a seeming grievance against one person or another who, perhaps inadvertently, had stroked his pride the wrong way. He was not a particularly happy young man, despite his cleverness, for the burden of self-pride was a galling yoke around his neck. He not only was chafed by any seeming criticism of himself, but he constantly criticised other people. As a result he had few friends. He would have been a companionable, interesting, and happy person had he taken upon himself the yoke of meekness and lowliness that the Master advocated, had he cast away his heavy yoke of self-pride. He would have carried his burden of ability more lightly and pleasantly, and he would

have made many good friends.

In the hearts of many of those who came to hear His words Jesus could discern the burden of anxiety about the future; and to those anxious ones He said, "Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." As Christians having Faith in God and in Christ we do not worry about either the near or the remote future. We know that if we live today with God we need not fear for the morrow. But how many there are who insist upon crossing the bridges before they come to them, thereby carrying a needless burden of anxiety! Said Dean Inge, "Worry is interest paid on trouble before it comes due." And in his "Life Thoughts" Henry Ward Beecher gives us this: "It is not work that kills man; it is worry. Work is healthy: you hardly can put more on a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade." A Christian businessman who was asked if he worried about the future of his business, made this reply: "Why should I burden myself with anxiety? Today I plan as well as I can for tomorrow, and when tomorrow comes I shall do my best to carry out those plans, God willing. Worry is too heavy and useless a load; simple faith and trust in God is a much lighter one. I choose the lighter load." That businessman possessed wisdom

To those carrying a load of niggardliness or miserliness the Master gave this advice: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume,

and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also." How much lighter a load is generosity than miserliness! It is not wrong to gain possessions, provided we gain that we may give. How much safer and more satisfying than gold are the riches of the Spirit! We will choose the lighter load, spiritual riches.

To the Great Physician came those burdened with sickness and affliction, and He gave to them sympathy and healing, even as He does to this day to those who believe in Him and have faith in His power to heal. To the centurion who came to Jesus pleading for his sick servant and expressing his belief that the Master could effect a cure Jesus spoke these words: "Go thy way; as thou hast believed, *so* be it done unto thee. And the servant was healed in that hour." Certain persons brought to Jesus a man sick of the palsy, "and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven." To the Canaanitish woman supplicating Him to heal her daughter Jesus said: "O woman, great is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was healed." Sickness is a heavy burden, while faith in God's power to heal is a light burden. We embrace the lighter burden and are healed.

Poverty is a heavy burden; but actually there is no real necessity for it, for the Giver of all good has a plenteous supply of all things needful for our welfare and will grant to each one of us an adequate supply if we pray for it and work for it in righteousness. Wrote the Psalmist:

"I have been young, and now am old;
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his seed begging bread."

Poverty is man-made, not God-made. There are those who choose to be poor in material things and rich in the things of the Spirit. Such a one was Jesus, for of Himself He declared that He had not where to lay His head. Croesus, the last king of Lydia, was a man of great possessions and enormous wealth; but Jesus was richer than Croesus, for He possessed a spiritual kingdom, a kingdom eternal, the "kingdom of heaven." Croesus lost his kingdom and his store of gold and silver and precious stones; Jesus retains His kingdom forevermore. Said our Master, "Be not therefore anxious, saying, "What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these shall be added unto you." So a condition of indigence or penury need not necessarily be a permanent one, for if we seek God and His kingdom and live a righteous life, we are assured of a sufficient supply of all necessary material substance. Poverty of substance can be cured by means of the method given us by Jesus, by the acquisition of spiritual riches; or it can be lightened by use of His yoke of meekness and lowliness.

One of the heaviest burdens a man can carry is hatred, while the lightest burden is love. True love for God and for man gives to us both mental and physical vitality and power. In meekness and lowli-

ness we put upon us the love yoke of the Christ, and all our burdens are lightened.

In his Epistle to the Galatians Paul wrote: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness." Strengthened by the fruits of the Spirit we are enabled not only to carry our own load lightly but to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

ASSURANCE

Elizabeth Scott Norris

When darkness closes in about a heart too
frail to bear
The crushing weight of sorrow that has
found an anchor there,
When living seems an effort, when we long
for inward peace,
When human wisdom falters, and when fears
and doubt increase,
Lay down the burden at His feet and confidently rest,
Assured that God already knows when we
have done our best;
And with the morning's breaking, when
night's darkness fades to day,
He'll give the strength He promised, and His
hand will point the way.

Steadily and Whole

WILLIAM A. CLOUGH

IN SCHOOL many years ago I took a course in Victorian poetry, studying, among others, the works of Matthew Arnold. Some of his verses appealed to me strongly, particularly this one contained in a sonnet he wrote to a friend:

"But be his
My special thanks, whose even-balanced soul,
From first youth tested up to extreme old age,
Business could not make dull, nor passion wild;
Who saw life steadily, and saw it whole."

That, it seemed to me, was a worthy goal: to see life steadily and see it whole. I thought I knew what it meant. I thought it meant to face life calmly, to know good and evil and not be unduly swayed by either, to understand and accept human frailties and limitations and make the best of a rather bad situation.

I thought seeing life whole was like looking down from a mountaintop on a clear day, a widespread panorama revealing a troubled, disorganized, and disordered world with no particular purpose or control, open to my vision. I thought it meant seeing God and man as separate personalities, the one perfect, the other imperfect, the one divine, the other human.

I realize now how superficial and immature and incomplete that conception was. I know the poet had a far deeper meaning, but I am convinced from

a study of his other writings that even his idea of seeing life steadily and seeing it whole was still far short of true understanding.

In the light of Truth I see that I put boundaries around life, where there are none, that I gave limitation to the limitless, that I falsely accepted appearance as reality and that I failed to see through the complexities to the simplicity.

No longer on a mountaintop looking out upon a vast expanse but in the inner quiet of spirit, where God is, I see life whole and complete. For I know now that life in its wholeness is no less than God, boundless, limitless, yet crystal clear.

From my window I can see a big elm with its wide branches spread against the sky. Its bark is rough and scarred with knotty lumps here and there. Storms have twisted it and insects have eaten into it. Externally it is an imperfect thing. But I look at it steadily and I see beauty and strength and at the heart of all something that is the tree's primal reality, life. I know the external appearance is nothing. The life is all.

The other day I stood on a busy street corner in a large city and watched the people as they passed. I heard their careless laughter and idle talk. I saw bold, worldly-wise young faces and tired, sad older faces marked by dissipation. I saw harsh, hard, cruel, bitter, angry faces and kind, serene, happy faces. Those were average people on a city street, life flowing by.

But I was not seeing life in its wholeness. Concentrating on the Truth I looked steadily and saw beyond and beneath and all appearances and the

people were all transformed. I saw the Christ Spirit, the living Spirit of God in each one. I saw each one created in His image. The faces faded into their dim place, and I was seeing life whole.

God has put life into the tree, but into man He has put Himself, the very essence of Himself, and until I am able to see Him in myself and in others I do not see life whole. Once I see it whole I seek to build the vision into my consciousness until it becomes a part of me and I see it steadily.

Many persons of Jesus' day saw Peter and Andrew and James and John as poor, ignorant fishermen. They saw Matthew as a despised publican, Magdalene as a sinful woman, lepers as unclean outcasts, and blind beggars as hopeless parasites. Jesus looked at them steadily and saw them whole, and they were whole.

To see life steadily and see it whole is to have the mind that was in Christ Jesus. He was humanly tempted, but He was divinely inspired to see life in its wholeness and by unceasing prayer He held a steady view. He maintained a steadfast look at the whole of life. He took the appearance for what it was and looked through the eyes of His Father to the reality.

"Go thy way . . . sin no more," He said, looking beyond the appearance, for which the people would have stoned her. "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her," He said, looking beyond the appearance of righteous conduct to concealed unwholesome thoughts. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," He said, looking beyond the appearance in all men to the

inner Spirit of His Father which He knew lay latent within all.

He looked at the people with all their multitude of seeming imperfections and said with the complete conviction of Truth, "The kingdom of God is within you." He gave Himself up to God wholly and completely, He achieved full spiritual unity with the Father, and He then could see life steadily and see it whole.

In seeing life steadily I am not swayed by a confusion of thinking, I am not moved by the shifts in the tide of my affairs or the world's affairs, I am not overcome by seeming difficulties, I am not bowed down under the weight of circumstancial burdens. I look through to God and all other things fall into place.

My daughter was given a Brownie camera when she was quite small. The first pictures she took were blurred and indistinct. We explained to her that she must hold the camera steady, keep it focused steadily on the object until she snapped the shutter. She did, and the next pictures came out clear and distinct.

The camera couldn't jump from object to object and record anything but confusion. The mind is the same. It must be focused and held steady if we are to get a clear picture of life and make it permanent.

The shutter of the camera is limited. The lens is limited. It can only record a limited portion of life. It takes a picture. The mind is potentially unlimited. It can encompass the whole of life when it reaches its perfect stature in identification with the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

It was Jesus' power to see the spiritual unity of

God and man that made Him the Saviour of the world. That capacity is also in me, and in its realization I am saved and equipped to save others. When I see only the appearances and condemn them I am my brother's hindrance and stumbling block. When I see through to the Spirit of Christ, to the kingdom of God in him, I become his saviour.

Therein is my responsibility to every living soul. The only way I can rise to fulfillment of that responsibility is by perfecting myself until I see life steadily and see it whole, with the mind of Jesus. I must see with the unclouded eye of Spirit, which is more than intellect, which is a consciousness transcending the mechanics of mind.

Seeing life whole means seeing it perfect in God. The Truth as introduced to me by Unity and revealed by the Spirit shows me life in its wholeness as one great unity of God and my neighbor and myself. All the teachings of Jesus take on new clarity and all point to the same Truth.

In seeing life steadily and seeing it whole I look through the appearance of sickness and infirmity of every kind to perfect health of body, as well as spirit, for body is spirit, and life in its wholeness has no place for sickness. I see through sickness to health. When my mind is free of sickness thoughts and centered on health thoughts my body takes on health. When my vision is clear enough I am both healed and healer.

If I wake up in the morning and discover I have a sore throat and clogged nasal passages and start feeling concerned about a cold I know that I am not seeing life steadily and whole. The appearance of a

cold has a higher place in my consciousness than the reality of health. The moment I raise my consciousness to God and hold it steady the cold is gone.

In previous years our daughter suffered for prolonged periods from sinus trouble. We usually took her to a specialist for treatment before she could get relief. Since we have been studying and practicing the Truth teachings the attacks have been few and have never lasted more than a day or two. We have not taken her to a doctor because it hasn't been necessary. Instead we have concentrated on the thought "God is her health." The results speak for themselves. It works.

To see life steadily and see it whole is to see continually straight through to the core of life, straight through to the Christ Spirit in oneself and in all others, straight through the maze of appearances to the infinite God. It is seeing life complete, fully rounded, perfect in every detail, God's perfect creation.

Peter concentrated on Christ and walked on the water. He looked down at the waves and sank.

I concentrate on Christ, and my spirit is filled with His Spirit. By its light I see life steadily and see it whole.

Nor knowest thou what argument
Thy life to thy neighbor's creed has lent.
All are needed by each one;
Nothing is fair or good alone.

—EMERSON

Into Thy Hands

RALPH E. MICHAUD

In Thy hands, O Father kind,
I place the ones I hold most dear to me:
The helpmate whose untiring love has been an inspiration
In the dreary days just past;
The sons and daughters that have blessed our union,
And the little ones who call me "Gramps."
These I place lovingly within Thy care
And know that all is well.

In Thy hands, O Father great,
I place the little ones of all the world,
Knowing that Thy great father-mother love
Can fill the homes left vacant by war's fierce demands,
And that Thy love omnipotent, yet tender as a mother's smile,
Beholds and draws the helpless to Thy heart.
These I place lovingly within Thy care
And know that all is well.

In Thy hands, O Father mine,
I place myself this night,
Sensing the strength that comes to me from Thee,
The hope and promise of a bright new day,
The faith that makes me murmur, "Come what may,
I know that all is well."

Burdens That Bless

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CERTAINLY NO ONE doubts that physical stamina and prowess are developed through exercise. During the war my husband used to bring home from the airport a friend who just for sport used to swim five or six miles in the gulf in the afternoon after working hours. This man's muscles were something magnificient to see. Yet in childhood he had been rather frail and delicate. Living in a New England coast town, his parents had been advised that he should swim in the ocean regularly as a means of developing his physique. As the water was sometimes icy even in midsummer, this swimming often became a test of endurance rather than a pleasure. But the boy stuck to it, developing amazing endurance and stamina. In young manhood, after he had begun the study of Truth and had learned that additional strength comes through using what we already have, he went in for professional swimming, and gained international recognition in that field.

In like manner mental dexterity is developed through exercise. I once knew a girl who could write a sentence on a blackboard with one hand while doing a sum in multiplication with the other. This feat seemed to me the very acme of mental ability; for while I can write a sentence on a blackboard with one hand, it takes both hands and all my powers of concentration to do a sum in multiplication either on or off a blackboard. That this girl has devoted long

hours of practice to this performance is obvious; which demonstrates the result of exercise in developing mental ability.

There was a cousin in our family who disliked mathematics all through grade school. But being the type of person who attacks an unpleasant task with determination, she buckled down to the subject, which was required in school, with the result that she became fascinated with the subject, majored in it in college, and later on became a teacher of mathematics.

We have often heard work referred to as a burden. Even so it surely must be that it is a blessing in disguise, for without physical and mental work, we should become a race of sluggards and dullards. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" has never seemed to me the imposing of a burden.

When I was a student in a hospital training school for nurses, we were required to rise at six in the morning, and we stayed on duty until seven in the evening, with only two hours off during the day. To some these long hours might seem to have been very burdensome, but the value of the discipline made this period the most constructive one in my rather sheltered life, and I thank the Father for every hour of work and every lesson learned.

Above our desk my roommate and I had a framed motto that read, as I recall: "Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that must be done this day, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and con-

tent, and a hundred virtues that the idle will never know."

I am not sure about the hundred virtues, but in addition to those listed I learned something that has kept my life full and complete through all the years: the habit of work and the sure knowledge that new power is developed by our using what we already have. When a period of enforced retirement from active life led me to start writing, I was given a lot of advice by people of experience in that field. Perhaps the most valuable was simply this: "Write! Think and write and write. You will develop ability by writing. It would be a rare person who had not become a professional writer after turning out a million words." Any profession or trade requires long hours of application and effort. But the fact that proficiency is being developed and results obtained turns the toil into joy.

Many people have the idea that those who do the manual labor of the world carry a heavy burden; farmers who produce the world's food, for instance. But let me give you a picture. Last winter a dear relative who is a Midwestern farmer visited us in Florida for several weeks. I am sure he enjoyed our sunshine, beaches, and winter flowers, but the center of his interest was back home in the almost three thousand bushels of corn he had in storage awaiting the market. I know how much work went into the production of that corn, the early rising, the long tiring hours, the sweat and endurance. But the crowning joy of that labor, the satisfaction, and the good resulting from it!

I thrilled as my relative told me of going out

after dinner in the summer evenings to "listen to his corn growing." Who could help feeling himself a colaborer with God in an hour like that? He had kodak snaps of his tractor and of that wonderful corn in the green ear growing in the field. His eyes would light up with enthusiasm when he spoke of the food value of that corn which our country must supply to help feed the world until the other grain-growing nations are on their feet again. Truly it was an inspiration to share his enthusiasm and joy in his work. He could hardly wait for spring to come so he could start those long days of running his tractor beneath the sun. If farming is a burden, joy in the task makes it a glorious one.

Often the care of aged parents or young children seems a burden to one who must give up attractive plans in order to assume the responsibility.

Several years ago a young acquaintance of mine left college giving up a fascinating course in journalism to return to the country home of her girlhood to care for the motherless children of her older brother. At first she was bitter and dissatisfied, regarding her changed way of life as a great sacrifice. But gradually a marvelous change came over her; her very countenance showed happiness and inner contentment.

When later asked what had happened to change her thus, she replied: "Just a different viewpoint. I I began to see how selfish I was. My brother Bill had educated me, you know, and I realized that the least I could do was to return his kindness, when he needed me so greatly to care for his children. I just let go of my bitterness at having to give up college

and the prospect of becoming a great newspaper woman, which had been my ambition. And now I am giving myself wholly to the children and Bill, and doing it with love. It takes almost superhuman strength at times to run a house and manage two small children. But I am reading books on child psychology, nutrition, and so on. I'm going to handle these children properly or know the reason why. In God's love I seem to be given the wisdom to know how, and I'm having the time of my life. Why, a child's mind is the most fascinating thing in the world!"

In a few months it was known that she was writing a book, though much wonder was expressed that she could find time for it. She had started by writing little stories for her charges, illustrating them with her own drawings. Encouraged by the children's breathless interest, she sent the manuscript to a publisher, and it was accepted!

She has written three books for children. When her brother Bill married again she went back to college and earned her degree. But the "burden" of taking on the care of two children for three years, of really studying and understanding those children, and of putting her God-given love into her work brought the blessing of finding her life work as a writer of children's stories.

"He that loseth his life . . . shall find it." "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me . . . For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Every circumstance in life we can turn into a blessing by practicing the right mental attitude, by letting the mind be in us that was in Jesus. There is

the burden of grief, for instance, which for many is such a problem.

In Kentucky some years ago I knew a dear woman who over a period of a few weeks lost her two sons, her beautiful young daughter, and her devoted husband. With the suddenness of a hurricane her entire family was swept away, leaving her entirely alone.

For a time she seemed stunned by the impact of this experience. But a friend who was interested in summer camps for underprivileged children suggested that she might like to have two young girls in her home for the summer, orphans who needed good food, fresh air, and love.

The bereaved mother agreed. "Life has stripped me down," she said. "But I still have some money and this home. Surely I ought to do something for others." At the end of the summer, when these girls had blossomed with health and happiness under her kind mothering, she said: "I must do something of real value to take the place of the good my own children would have done in the world. And I love young people——"

So with the assistance of her friend, who was already interested in this sort of work, she established a small sanitarium and summer camp, where hundreds of children have been rehabilitated and returned to useful and active life. Beneath her burden of grief she went to work and in loving service found peace and serenity of soul, her life being multiplied over and over in the building up of other lives. The burden of sorrow strengthened this dear woman, just as physical exercise strengthens the

muscles of a swimmer, opened her spiritual eyes and deepened the channel of understanding, so that she became a lighthouse of love and inspiration in her community.

This seems to me the height of faith and courage: to lose one's own grief in constructive carrying on. We recall the example of Jesus who, upon hearing of the death of John the Baptist, retired from the crowd, taking His sorrow into solitude. But when the crowd followed Him, He turned back and "healed their sick." Working for others is the way to forget our own grief, to turn the burden into victory.

Truly the burdens of life can engender strength, tenderness, and love, beautiful beyond description. It is not so much what life does to us that matters; it is what we do that matters. In doing the will of the Father, we are sometimes amazed at the new strength that comes as we use what we already have.

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart." "For thou hast girded me with strength." "Jehovah is the strength of my life." "I can do all things through Christ."

The world sits at the feet of Christ,
Unknowing, blind, and unconsoled;
It yet shall touch His garment's fold,
And feel the heavenly Alchemist
Transform its very dust to gold.

—WHITTIER

Sunday LESSONS

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Lesson 10, March 7, 1948

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Power of True Interpretation.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*"Ye Are Witnesses."* —Acts 8:26-39.

26. But an angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza: the same is desert.

27. And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to worship;

28. And he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29. And the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30. And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31. And he said, How can I, except some one shall guide me? And he besought Philip to come up and sit with him.

32. Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this,

He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before his shearer is dumb,
So he openeth not his mouth:

33. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away:
His generation who shall declare?
For his life is taken from the earth.

34. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other?

35. And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, preached unto him Jesus.

36. And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, "Behold, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

38. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his way rejoicing.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Peace be with you: as the Father has sent me, even so send I you.*—John 20:21.

SILENT PRAYER—*The power of thought that is put to divine uses inspires me to understand Truth.*

An overwhelming conviction that a certain course is the right one for us to take may be said to be "an angel of the Lord" speaking to us. Such a conviction came to Philip before he went down into the southern desert. Without knowing why, he felt that he must go ("and he arose and went"). To act on impulse leads often to dire results, for impulse that is not under the control of the higher mind of Spirit is a dangerous guide at any time. But to be led by the Spirit of God is not the work of impulse. It is the work of instinctive wisdom awakening to conscious action in us.

The world is athirst for power. Nations strive to

gain it by force of arms. Statesmen plan or scheme to compass it by a matching of wits across conference tables. Power is a much-desired prize, pursued sometimes without regard to cost. Yet power is available to all, for its source is exhaustless. No nation or group of nations need covet power. Equilibrium is what is needed. Knowledge is power, and to have power to control a situation we must know the various factors that enter into it and be able to analyze them in the light of truth. We must be able to interpret them in terms of life.

In this lesson power is symbolized by Philip ("lover of horses"). Two forms of power suggest themselves for study, namely power over others or over external circumstances, and power over oneself, more properly self-dominion and mastery. The latter is the more important of the two. In achieving it two factors are important. Our ability to act according to our reasoned judgment and desire is one. The second is a negative force, apparently acting outside us, that seems to hinder us. Before we can assert our full dominion we must deny this force place in our consciousness and so do away with it completely.

Denial is symbolized by baptism. When we aspire to realize our I AM perfection and power (the Christ), we see at once that we must first get rid of the accumulated result of years of negative thinking. "Behold, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" This question every one of us may well ask himself. What hinders us from "denying out" of our mind and so out of our life the things that prevent us from expressing our true nature? As we do this we solve our own power problem.

As a ruling influence in our life only the Christ power is safe. We may permit this power to act through us without reserve. All else we must tame and train to do our bidding. "Arise, and go." Perfect co-ordination of desire and will in the higher ranges of being means that we rule our own spirit, an essential to our development more indispensable than any authority over others in an external sense.

The darkened material and physical thought (Ethiopia) in which a person functions before the light of Truth dawns on him holds him enslaved to habit, the habit of blindly following beaten paths. The eunuch, who had gone to Jerusalem to worship, was reading a passage of deep spiritual import, on his way back to Ethiopia, but his sojourn in Jerusalem and his worship there had given him no insight into its meaning.

As we deny the power of the material and the physical to obstruct our realization of freedom we begin to see the power of the Christ alone in our life. "Philip . . . beginning from this scripture, preached unto him Jesus." We come to our full powers through the right understanding and proper estimate of our I AM identity. Philip would doubtless have preached Christ Jesus to the eunuch regardless of the scripture the latter might have been reading, for Christ or the perfect I AM idea in expression is the starting point of all right understanding of Truth. It is the Christ that we need to interpret aright to ourselves.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the "angel of the Lord" that speaks to us?

2. What is the difference between impulse and divine guidance? How can we be sure what we are following?
3. Is it necessary for us to strive for power? Why not?
4. How is power to control a situation gained?
5. What can we profitably put out of our life through denial?
6. Does the Christ Spirit give us power to rule our own spirit?

Lesson 11, March 14, 1948

UNITY SUBJECT—*How to Live the Christ Life.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Dignity of Christian Character.*—Eph. 5:6-21.

6. Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience.
7. Be not ye therefore partakers with them;
8. For ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light
9. (For the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
10. Proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord;
11. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them;
12. For the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of.
13. But all things when they are reproved are made manifest by the light: for everything that is made manifest is light.
14. Wherefore *he* saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee.
15. Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise;
16. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17. Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18. And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit;

19. Speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

20. Giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

21. Subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ.

GOLDEN TEXT—*I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.* —Phil. 3:14.

SILENT PRAYER—*I take thought to express only what is true.*

If we are to recognize Truth at all times a certain degree of discrimination or enlightened judgment is required. For Truth is often successfully counterfeited. "Empty words" are words that are spoken with the intent to be taken for the truth, when in actuality they are untrue, deceitful, or misleading. In living the Christ life we do not believe all that we hear. We learn to recognize the ring of sincerity and truthfulness about things heard and to remain unresponsive to deceit in whatever form it appears. "Let no man deceive you with empty words."

If we allow ourselves to be deceived into thinking that falsehood is the truth, we act according to our faith and become disobedient in the sense that we do not discern truth from falsehood. The divine law endows us with understanding (light), and we are to use it in our daily life ("walk as children of

light"). To live intelligently and reasonably requires the use of our understanding of Truth. "Goodness and righteousness and truth" are the outcome of understanding of the divine law, an understanding keen enough to follow the highest that it can discern. No one who really understands goodness can be unduly tempted by evil. Understanding is a mighty safeguard against the works of darkness in every form. "Everything that is made manifest is light."

The Christ life is not an aimless matter. "Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise." This means taking thought to act constructively, live constructively, live fully, fearlessly, and reverently. The foolish person does not understand what the will of God is, but the inner wisdom discerns it. We do not have to be in the dark as to what the divine will is with respect to any question. Whatever is good, right, and true is in line with the divine will, and by extending these qualities in our mind we make contact with the divine will in ourselves.

The story of Jesus is the story of the disciplined will. Jesus could say, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work." The necessity of disciplining the mind is very real and urgent. We train domestic animals and harness the forces of nature, yet miss the perfection that we might realize by aligning our will with the will of God. No one can approach perfection until he disciplines his mind and takes control of his thoughts. He cannot be truly religious before his mind is put in order and his ideas harmonized with divine ideas.

The perfect society, the ideal civilization, the kingdom of God on earth awaits the adoption of the ideal of discipline by men and women. We are so accustomed to thinking of Jesus as doing the works of God, speaking the words of God, and expressing the divine nature in general that we take all this for granted as an expression of His natural bent. We overlook the truth that He had disciplined His will until He could say in His greatest crisis, "Not my will, but thine, be done." It is the result of faithful following of the divine ideal. We gain the end for which we came into life by attaining to it.

In the degree that we discipline our will we are enabled to subject ourselves "one to another in the fear of Christ." How far anyone can subject himself to the will of another without losing his own freedom of will is a question that has troubled many. Only those who are in Christ can do this without fear or misgiving, for they know that true freedom is found in complete control of their own will.

QUESTIONS

1. What are empty words?
2. What is the "light" by which we are to walk?
3. How do we come to possess goodness and righteousness and truth?
4. How can we tell what the divine will is in any given matter?
5. What has mental discipline to do with the establishing of the kingdom of God on earth?
6. Who can subject himself to the will of another without losing his free will?

Lesson 12, March 21, 1948

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Unity of Life.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Kingdom of God among Men.*—Luke 4:16-20; Mark 4:26-29; Luke 17:20, 21; Rom. 14:7.

16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor:
He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

20. And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him.

26. And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth;

27. And should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how.

28. The earth beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

29. But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come.

20. And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21. Neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.

7. For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.*—Matt. 6:10.

SILENT PRAYER—*My will to express the perfect way is my divine gift and my responsibility.*

Those who take life seriously, realizing the greatness of the gift in comparison with the limitations of the personal self, are impelled to the conviction that life is a trust that they must execute. They have a mission, and a mission dwarfs into insignificance all other considerations of a selfish nature. We are here to spend life in a good cause, not to squander it in amassing a store of personal experiences in quest of pleasure. The pursuit of happiness is a legitimate aim and an inalienable right, but happiness is found most fully by entering into the universal life and mastering the art of service to mankind. The spirit of helpfulness gives us entrance into the larger life of all.

The spirit that animates a man determines whether he will make of life a success or a failure. The opportunities that come to him or the material endowments that are supposed to prepare him to cope with life more easily than he could do without them, are not deciding factors compared with this spirit or the attitude in which he faces life. This spirit is sometimes called temperament.

The spirit that animates us can be consciously developed. A so-called spiritless person becomes a spirited one when brought to life by an active interest or a great desire combined with hope of its realization. A low-spirited person becomes high-spirited through hope, faith, perseverance, or love.

Jesus defined the spirit that animated Him when He applied to Himself Isaiah's words found in to-

day's lesson text. Interpreting the "Lord" as the I AM, we find that in the very beginning of His ministry Jesus identified Himself with the Holy Spirit. Endowed by consecrated parents with faith in God, He developed and expressed this faith consistently until it became the solid substance of life to Him. Through the Holy Spirit He expressed His faith, the wisdom and understanding that He had developed through communion with God in prayer and meditation, the power that resulted from all these, and the will that led Him to make union with the divine will.

In the rendering of full-time service to life, every year is the "acceptable year of the Lord." "Now is the acceptable time." The I AM claims the present. Some people look for their good in the future. They will never realize it completely until they accept it as fully present and available to them now.

Jesus Christ was anointed, consecrated to the task of preaching good tidings to the poor and of doing them good in the other ways stated in the text of today's lesson. We too may be anointed. We may be absorbed in our work and may so identify ourselves with it as to be known by what we do rather than by any trait of personality. We may be channels through which the Holy Spirit flows, quickening us into a life of joyous service. Faithful, devoted expression is the right way to use the gift of life.

The Holy Spirit or the Spirit of All-Good finds access to the heart easy and simple where there is an inner conviction of the abiding compassion and restoring power of Being. Capernaum (covering of

compassion) was the scene of some of Jesus Christ's greatest works of healing. Under such a conviction the work of healing is inevitable. Healing becomes the only way of dealing with the unreality of disease.

Our efforts to do healing work meet with difficulty in the realm of ordinary, everyday affairs. If we are to succeed we need the inspiration of Spirit in ordinary situations most of all. Nazareth was a commonplace town, but the Spirit of truth flowered fully there.

QUESTIONS

1. How do we gain entrance into the larger life of all?
2. What determines whether we are to succeed in life or fail?
3. Can we change or influence our animating spirit in any way, or is it an arbitrary endowment?
4. Why is now the acceptable time?
5. How may we be anointed?
6. Do we need the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in ordinary everyday affairs or only in unusual ones?

Lesson 13, March 28, 1948

UNITY SUBJECT—*Eternal Life.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Certainty of Eternal Life.*—Col. 3:1-4, 12-17; I John 5:11-12.

1. If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God.

2. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth.

3. For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, *who is* our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory.

12. Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved,

a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering;

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye:

14. And above all these things *put on* love, which is the bond of perfectness.

15. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God.

17. And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

11. And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12. He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life.

GOLDEN TEXT—*This is life eternal, that they should know thee, the only true God, and him whom thou didst send.*—John 17:3.

SILENT PRAYER—*In the patience of the Christ Spirit I become aware of eternal life.*

All who become aware of the indwelling Christ by reason of that awareness rise to a higher level of thought and feeling. To rise together with Christ is therefore in the nature of a truism. Those who know Christ invariably rise higher because of this knowledge.

A person however may know a truth and fail to apply it in his daily life. Mere recognition of a fact or principle without doing anything to make the

knowledge practicable or usable is a waste of opportunity. If we are raised with the Christ we thereby become equal to the task of making our expression on the higher level conformable with the heightened consciousness of inner truth. We can drop the ways and habits of thought of the old material or natural life in which we were reared, and seek the higher things of mind and heart. To be familiar with "the things that are above, where Christ is," is a sign that we have arrived at Christ consciousness.

Nothing worth having comes to us without effort, and the Christ life is no exception. We are not to drift with the current of natural thought; we are to set the mind on what we wish to realize and keep it there long enough for it to shape our thoughts to the mold that we have chosen. Future effort to express the Christ will then be easy for us.

When a person is in a state of indecision concerning a subject and does not know his mind on it, it is sometimes said that he is of two minds about it. But to be of two minds at once is impossible. No one can at the same time be conscious of the Christ Spirit and of the flesh, for these opposites do not go together. He who awakes to the truth of the indwelling Christ at that moment dies to the lower nature and comes to life in the Christ. From that time forward his task is to manifest the Christ life, and leave the dead to bury their dead. At first he may find the force of old habit so strong that while he serves the law of God with the mind he serves the law of sin with the flesh. But this is a passing phase of experience in the one who aspires to obey "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus," for this

law frees him at length from all conflict and leaves him in peaceful enjoyment of the Christ consciousness.

Putting on a new consciousness is a wiping out of the old thought habits, a dropping of them from mind completely, and a beginning with compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering, forbearance, forgiveness, and love as goals of development. The peace of Christ, a state of complete detachment from self and complete devotion to the universal good, can be claimed and demonstrated by anyone who will make an effort to realize it. Instead of letting the heart become a prey to anxiety and other destructive forms of negative thought, we let peace rule our heart and are at rest.

The word of Christ or true word is a mighty weapon in winning inner transformation. Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs impress the truth of life on the subconsciousness and help us remember to express our true self. Keeping in mind the resolve to think, speak, and act in the name of the Lord Jesus, the ideal I AM, is another help in demonstrating the Christ. A third essential is a thankful outlook and a state of gratitude rather than of complaint and faultfinding. As we win here a little and there a little more understanding of the true way of life, we "put on the new man."

One evidence of our divine origin is the nature of eternal life. Christ is our life, we read in the text of our lesson. It has been said that eternal life has nothing to do with time, past, present, or future, but that it is a certain kind of life. Only the life that is founded in unchanging Principle can be eter-

nal. One of the angels introduced by John the Revelator declared that there should be time no longer or, according to the American Standard Version, "there shall be delay no longer." Whatever the interpretation, he that has the Son has the will and the patience, the vision and the intelligence, the faith and the courage to express the will of the Father in his daily living. Faith in God issues in the life that is of God; that is, life eternal.

QUESTIONS

1. What duty devolves upon us when we become aware of the Christ within us?
2. How is our effort to express the Christ made easy for us?
3. Can anyone be of two minds about a subject at the same time?
4. What is the peace of Christ?
5. What is the nature of eternal life?

The Winter Stars

Pauline Havard

The winter stars are listening, leaning low
Above the furrowed forehead of the hills,
White-haired and shaggy with new-fallen snow.
There is no light save that which star shine spills
In the frozen puddles of the country road.
I walk in peace, unmindful of my load,
Under the twinkling stars, in the cold, sweet air.
I never yet had found the night so fair
As up the silver-dusted road I plod,
My footsteps crackling on the frosty sod;
My eyes unveiled and proud and unafraid
In the quiet night of stars that God has made.

Silent UNITY

I behold the sun of Spirit steadily rising in my consciousness, dissolving the fogs of fear and timidity. I am bold, free, all-wise, and all-knowing Spirit.

The Society of Silent Unity, founded more than fifty years ago, is the healing department of Unity School, ministering without seeing them, to those who need help.

Our purpose is to aid through prayer all persons who, having faith in the power of God, ask for help.

Our temporal needs are met by the freewill offerings of those to whom we minister. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

Our Silent Unity group numbers some hundred consecrated workers who are devoting their lives to God's work for humanity. They are proving daily that physical, financial, mental, and spiritual difficulties can be overcome by righteous prayer. Even though everything else may have failed, we shall pray *with* you, for we have faith that "with God all things are possible."

We pray *with* you and also instruct you how to pray to the Father in secret in order that you may help yourself. Silent Unity is praying always, and your co-operation in prayer is of mutual benefit. Do not hesitate to write to us for help because your problem is personal. All correspondence is confidential.

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Prayers ANSWERED.....

These testimonials come from persons who have been healed by the power of Spirit. Those who wish to gain inspiration from someone whom God has healed may write, in care of the Unity School Editorial Department, to givers of these testimonials. Each letter must be unsealed and give the initials and address of the person to whom it is to be forwarded; also the name and date of the periodicals in which the testimonial appeared.

I Will Come and Heal

I AM STILL a *Daily Word* enthusiast, having very recently proved one of our lessons: "God sees through my eyes perfectly and without irritation." An optometrist suggested glasses for eye strain some years ago, and without question I wore glasses until I read this little lesson. So it worked, and I am praising God that this precious little lesson awakened me to the fact that I can see through the eyes of God. I praise God and bless everyone in your wonderful work.—*A. H., Louisiana.*

I WOULD like to let you know what your prayers have done for me. I wrote you in August that I had pleurisy and requested your prayers. I mailed my letter Friday morning, and Monday morning the pain was all gone. Thank you, Unity friends, and may God bless you always.—*Mrs. F. B., New York.*

ONE MONTH ago I wrote to you for prayers, as the doctor said I had shingles and would be very ill for six weeks. Immediately I turned to Unity and prayer. I have fully recovered, was not ill as predicted, and

have no scars (it was on my forehead) much to my delight. I thank God and your prayers and am so grateful.—*Mrs. H. C., Michigan.*

My Help Cometh from Jehovah

I HAVE derived so much good and peace of mind from the teachings of Unity. I know God blessed me when a friend sent me the first subscription for a Unity publication. I could never get along without it. It has been a great comfort and guide and help to me with many of my problems and such a comfort in dark moments, when I could not see my way clear. I bless God and all the Unity workers in your wonderful work.—*E. F., Pennsylvania.*

I HAVE TWELVE Unity books, and I do not know what I would do without them. When things look bad I read a chapter or two from one of my books. There is always something in them that gives me a lift and renews my faith.

Thank you for all the encouragement I have received for the past four years.—*Mrs. H. F., Wisconsin.*

UNITY has been such a wonderful blessing to our family, but although it has come to our home for nearly twelve years, it has only been in the past two or three years that I have been able to demonstrate consistently its miracle-working principles in transforming my very life and affairs.

My husband's success in his chosen work in three years (although he was almost sixty when he was at last able to make the right connection) has been

almost phenomenal; he not only holds his own but goes from one success to another even when competing with men many years his junior.

May God continue to bless in wonderful ways every writer and worker at Unity in spreading your gospel of happiness and successful living to all parts of the world.—*Mrs. E. E. R., Illinois.*

I AM GLAD to renew my subscription for the UNITY magazine. I have enjoyed reading it for over twenty-five years. I pass my copy on to friends and relatives and they tell me they enjoy it very much.

God bless you all in the wonderful work you carry on year after year.—*Mrs. R. A. S., Massachusetts.*

He Shall Have Abundance

MANY THANKS for your constant prayers for me, also the prosperity bank that I recently received. I would not be without a prosperity bank for anything, because I have proved that it brings me both added prosperity and a special consciousness of the divine Master any time I am using one. Would you believe that the day after I received the last bank I got a job? I had been hoping and praying for one, and when I went to visit a friend another friend came in and said that she was looking all over the place for me to fill a vacant position at her office.—*Mrs. R. A. C., British West Indies.*

I AM VERY grateful for the efficacy of your prayers, which have accompanied my use of a prosperity bank. I feel triumphant in having worked out a problem very close to my heart, alone and unaided

but for the insight that Unity has given me as to the science of prayer. My cup indeed runneth over. Bless you in your grand work. It is the only work of true religion, and I want to see it take hold of the entire world. Thereby will come peace and abundance to the world.—*S. B. M., Washington.*

THE BANK PLAN always works for me. I sold a piece of property for a good price, and my husband received one hundred dollars from an unexpected source. We have been able to meet all our obligations as they were presented.—*G. C., Florida.*

He Is My Refuge

AS I SAID in one of my recent letters to you—and I say it again—it would be difficult for me to express fully all that your teachings have done for me in my life.

Being in Truth, I have seen instances where supply has been met in my life from seemingly miraculous sources. Guidance has come to me when my world has come crashing down on my ears and there has been no one I could turn to. Hopelessness would have taken possession of me. By steadfastly proclaiming the Truth in my own mind I have courageously taken new roads.

I think of all the blessings of Truth the best is surely the impetus given you to rise to your feet again, no matter how many times you may have fallen.—*W. M., Channel Islands, England.*

YOU INSPIRE and help me every day of my life. I have always been a follower of Christ, but somehow

Unity has made my love of God and His kingdom more intimate, more a matter of course; as if it were the most natural thing in the world to turn to the God within and ask for help with every little problem that presents itself.

I have *Weekly Unity* and am now reading "The Sermon on the Mount," by Emmet Fox. Thank you all for the inspiring help you send to the world in *Weekly Unity.*

When listening to the "Unity Viewpoint," which simply tells us of the great love of God and the help of the Father, I feel a sense of rest and peace; it is as if I were listening to my own father or mother telling me of security and freedom from all worry and fear. In fact my own father did talk to me like that when he lived many years ago.—*Mrs. H. W., Massachusetts.*

WE ARE HAPPY to report that all our prayers are being answered. Mr. B—— has been offered and has accepted wonderful employment as sexton of a small church and caretaker of the parish house, for which he will receive a liberal salary, the use of an apartment, heat, light, and gas. Also I want to report that our health conditions are improving, and our boy, for whom you offered prayers, has grown to be a studious and obedient child.

I can't find words to express my heartfelt thanks to God and our Unity friends. It was indeed a consolation at all times to know that someone was praying with us.

We faced eviction, loss of health and employment, and at times conditions were almost beyond endurance.—*Mrs. J. L. B., New Jersey.*

HELP *from Silent* UNITY

These are extracts from letters that Silent Unity has written to those who have asked our help in finding and obeying the divine law of life.

My son is about to marry a Catholic girl. As a Truth student what should be my attitude about it? I am not pleased about it.—*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

We are glad to answer your question as to the attitude to be taken by Protestant parents when their child contemplates marriage to a Catholic.

No doubt you realize that we can answer this only from our own viewpoint. To us each denomination is seeking God in its own way and will find Him only as it finds the truth. We see no innate differences between the Protestant and the Catholic that makes one more difficult to live with than another. For this reason, we have no definite advice to give in such cases.

However the parents can and should pray sincerely for guidance for their child, so that he may be led in ways that will bring him the highest happiness and be best for him. We can safely leave all problems to God and His direction when we put our complete trust in Him and believe that He will guide perfectly.

Parents should guard against prejudice or intolerance and pray always for an understanding love that will permit them to make wise and just decisions.

I have long felt and believed that if I could really understand how to approach God all my troubles would be over. If I could free myself from the belief of ill-health and poverty, I know that I could do anything I wished.

When I read of the conversion of Paul I note it is stated that the Holy Spirit came upon him. Will you please explain what is meant by the Holy Spirit. Is it the power or Spirit of God?—*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

We are glad to have the opportunity to help you come into that true spiritual understanding which you are seeking, the understanding of unity with God, the source and sustainer of your being.

The belief in sickness and lack and their appearance must be dispelled through a true and vital belief, belief in God, the omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient One.

So long as you think of yourself as a being separate from God you continue to build up the consciousness of separation, with all its attendant conditions. Man is the offspring of God, not in the sense of springing from God but as ever "standing forth" from God as evidence of God, as evidence of the life and power and intelligent activity of God. Blades of grass spring forth from the earth as evidence of life, each blade having its own degree of manifestation of life. A rose seems to have more life than a blade of grass in that there is more involved in the production of a rose and its perfection, but the bush must have its roots in the ground if its life is to be sustained. Man's life is consciousness, and consciousness produces all kinds of fruit in that life manifestation, but consciousness

must have its roots in the omnipresent life of Spirit if it would be sustained. Because man has a certain freedom, he has thought himself away from his divine source; has built up a consciousness of separation instead of one of unity; he has strayed from the Father's house. The way back lies in denying all separation—all mortality—and in accepting unity with God here and now and always and claiming it; that is, in identifying himself with the Father, as Jesus did. This is not the exalting of personality but rather the humble and reverent acknowledgment of Spirit that does away with "me" and "mine" and beholds God only.

The consciousness of unity with God is the Jesus Christ consciousness. Think of this as you make this prayer: "The glory of the Christ consciousness now awakened in my soul quickens and illumines me." Meditate upon these words in the silence. This is the way to receive the Holy Spirit; it is the descent into your consciousness of the Truth.

The Holy Spirit is God in action in man. It is the movement of Spirit, God, working in you to will and to do His good pleasure; it is the prompting of the divine, the inspiration and revelation that is given you, the very Spirit of truth that will guide you into all truth. It is the divine presence. You need to feel this presence, to love it, to embody this Holy presence in every part of your mind, heart, soul, body, until you are so conscious of God that your reaction is always spontaneously spiritual.

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I have become confused by the word charity and have reread the writings of Paul. I am satis-

fied that he did not mean charity to denote a dole or parsimonious giving. I think a finer meaning was intended.—*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

We are basing our answer upon the use of the words "love" and "charity" in the different versions of the Bible. First let us say that the two words mean exactly the same thing, love, when the changes in language are considered. That is, when the King James version of the Bible was made in England, the word "charity" meant the same as we in the United States mean today by the word love. However there is no doubt that the use of "charity" has thrown many persons off the track, especially in understanding the 13th chapter of I Corinthians.

In his one-volume Bible commentary J. R. Dummelow gives the following explanation:

"The Revised Version reads 'love' for charity throughout the chapter. The Greek word is translated 'love' in most places of the New Testament, so is the corresponding verb always. The Revised Version change (1) is desirable for consistency; (2) gives the Apostle's meaning . . . of 'charity'; (3) shows Saint Paul and Saint John are agreed in attaching the highest value to love, thus enforcing the 'great commandment of the Law' as declared by our Lord. The Greek word translated 'charity' in the Authorized Version does not exist in classical Greek. It is found first in the Septuagint. The corresponding verb means to desire the good of one whom you esteem; and the noun is appropriately applied to the spirit which seeks not its own but others' good, and sacrifices itself for others."

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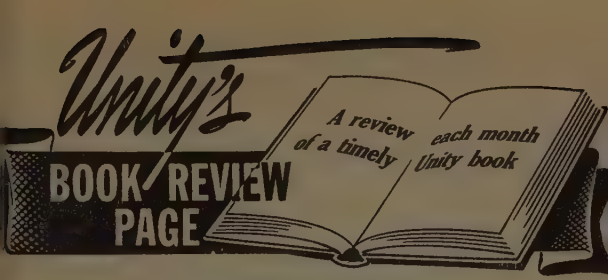
Unity literature in French may be secured through Mary Sterling, 93 rue, Truffaut, Paris XVII, France.

The Purpose of Unity

Unity School of Christianity is a religious educational institution teaching the use of the Jesus Christ doctrine in everyday life, and is not a church. However in disseminating the teachings of Unity, based upon the Bible and especially upon the teaching of Jesus Christ, teachers have formed independent organizations for study and worship, and these organizations have evolved into groups called centers, societies, assemblies, and churches. These groups are a part of the Unity fellowship and work in close co-operation with the Unity School of Christianity, but Unity is not a denomination nor a sect. Those who study the Unity teachings and who attend a Unity church are free to keep their affiliation with any church they desire. Unity teachings explain the action of mind, the link between God and man. They explain how mind affects the body, how it brings man into an understanding of God. Accept what, in Unity, appears to you to be Truth, and withhold judgment on the remainder until you understand it.



Mysteries of John

By Charles Fillmore

Mysteries of John is Charles Fillmore's first book devoted wholly to an interpretation of New Testament truths. In this book he interprets the Gospel according to John, and the Bible text is printed along with his comments. Thus *Mysteries of John* will appeal to anyone who is seeking an illumined understanding of the Scriptures.

Mr. Fillmore considers the Gospel according to John an inspired account of Jesus' message to mankind: All existence is spiritual, it comes to man as a gift, and the Christ is its fulfillment. Furthermore John shows that the way of eternal life is possible to all men who believe they are spiritual beings and who wish to resurrect their bodies according to the Jesus Christ pattern. Mr. Fillmore writes:

"Every person in his real, true self desires to be just as great and just as good as it is possible for him to be. The open door to the attainment of this objective is to believe in one's divinity and then to raise oneself to its level by following the example of Jesus Christ."

(*Mysteries of John* is priced at $1 a copy.)

Appearing in Other Unity Magazines This Month

"You Can't Lose God"

In a fictional story in *Progress* Marguerite Walton presents a bitterly disappointed young man who has returned from four years overseas to find his mother remarried, his sweetheart engaged, and his old job held by a man who needed it. Walking along a beloved path in the woods, he finds a child searching among the leaves and warning him to be quiet. "I'm looking for God," she explains. Then follows a discussion between child and young man of what God is. As a result of this child's faith the young man's heart is healed. Besides there is a surprise ending. The story is entitled "You Can't Lose God."

Teddy Liked to Make Money

Red Sloan and his friend David Harrison, members of the Spartan Club, like to make money as much as anyone. That is why they agreed to obtain all the Buff Orpington eggs in the country for the hatchery in town. There was to be a profit of 10 cents a dozen for them, and besides they wanted to accommodate the owner of the hatchery. Teddy Malone wants to make money too, but he has White Rock eggs, which he wants the boys to mix in with their Buff Orpington eggs. No one would know the difference! Splitting Teddy's profit with him looked like an easy way to make money, but Red and David didn't do business that way. This *Wee Wisdom* story by Lawrent Lee is entitled "Teddy Liked to Make Money."

Tower of Labor Strength

"Several times recently special honors have fallen upon the shoulders of a certain labor leader, one of the kind that constructs rather than destroys. I refer to David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union." Thus begins J. George Frederick's *Good Business* article "Dubinsky—Tower of Labor Strength." Mr. Frederick gives an interesting account of Mr. Dubinsky's activity and his success in correlating the efforts of labor and management.

What about the Passing Years?

"What shall we do about the race thought that says old age and failing powers must come with certain years? . . . Individually we must do something to dislodge the mischievous race thought of old age and failure," writes Elinor Heath in her article "The Adventure of Years," which is appearing in the March 14 issue of *Weekly Unity*.

"If Your Heart Condemn You"

"How often do we deny ourselves the happiness of today by refusing to let go of the shame of yesterday!" writes James Dillet Freeman in his *Daily Word* article "If Your Heart Condemn You." Mr. Freeman advises that if we are in any degree suffering from a sense of wrongdoing there is the freeing Truth to turn us from this state of mind. We must remember that "the will of God is not suffering and denial; the will of God is life, life exuberant, life triumphant, life exultant!" This article will help you understand the Unity teaching about self-condemnation and self-forgiveness.

Unity Books and Booklets

For Beginners	Beginning Again — standard only	$1.00
	God a Present Help — standard only	1.00
	God Is the Answer — standard only	1.00
	How I Used Truth — standard only	1.00
	Lessons in Truth — standard only	1.00
	Lessons in Truth — *Russian, Spanish, Dutch*	1.00
	Letters of Myrtle Fillmore — standard only	1.00
	Lovingly in the Hands of the Father — standard only	1.00
	New Ways to Solve Old Problems — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Six-Day Healing Practice, A — *Spanish* $.10; *English*	.25
	Great Physician, The — standard only	1.00
	Mental Equivalent, The — *German*, $.10; *Russian*	.10
	Whatsoever Ye Shall Ask — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
For Healing	Christian Healing — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Divine Remedies	.50
	Jesus Christ Heals — standard only	1.00
	Truth Ideas of an M. D. — standard only	1.00
	You Can Be Healed — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
For the Home	Meatless Meals — cloth	1.50
	You and Your Child — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
For Prosperity	As You Tithe so You Prosper	.50
	Both Riches and Honor — standard only	1.00
	Prosperity — standard only	1.00
	Prosperity's Ten Commandments — standard only	1.00
	Working with God — standard only	1.00
For Inspiration	Best-Loved Unity Poems — standard only	1.00
	Finding the Christ — *Russian, German, Swedish* $.10; *English*	.25
	Have We Lived Before? — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Mightier than Circumstance — standard only	1.00
	Sunlit Way, The — standard only	1.00
	Unity's Fifty Golden Years — paper	1.00
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	Book of Silent Prayer	.50
	Contemplation of Christ, The	.50
	Effectual Prayer — standard only	1.00
	Silence, The	.50
	Unity Song Selections — cloth	1.00
For Advanced Study	Christ Enthroned in Man — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Know Thyself — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Metaphysical Bible Dictionary	5.00
	Mysteries of Genesis — standard only	1.00
	Mysteries of John — standard only	1.00
	Talks on Truth — standard only	1.00
	Teach Us to Pray — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Twelve Powers of Man, The — standard only	1.00
	What Are You? — de luxe $2; standard	1.00

Greeting Booklets

Are You Getting All You Want from Life?	.10	Good News, The	.10
Be at Peace	.10	He Passed This Way	.10
Breath of Immortality	.10	Holy Bread	.10
Challenge of the Dawn, The	.10	Land Is Bright, The	.10
Christmas Spirit, The	.10	Life Is Consciousness	.10
Daily Resurrections	.10	Mental Equivalent, The	.10
First Things First	.10	Prayer of Prayers	.10
Gift Imperishable, The	.10	Protecting Presence, The	.10
Gifts for the Christ	.10	Recipes for Living	.10
Great Helper, The — *French, English*	.10	Song of Life, The	.10
God Is Blessing You Now	.10	Way of Faith, The	.10
		Where Blessings Begin	.10
		White as Cotton	.10

(12 copies of these booklets for $1. Envelopes included)

For Children	Jet's Adventures	1.00
	Jet and the New Country	1.00

NEWS *from* UNITY

"Power is something to use in small doses, and the more we hold it in check the more readily we find ourselves masters in difficult circumstances," writes Douglas H. Loweth in his article "Inheriting the Earth," which will appear in the April issue of Unity *magazine. This article is an inspired discussion of the beatitude "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Mr. Loweth explains that the "earth" which the meek are to inherit has nothing to do with real estate. It simply means the situations we face in everyday life, and that covers about everything. Meekness, according to Mr. Loweth, is a mental attitude, a realization that God is the source of all good. World conditions depend on mankind learning the true meaning of meekness. This is a splendid interpretation of the quality of meekness.*

Unity Training School Begins April 28

The 1948 season of the Unity Training School begins April 26 with the opening of the first of five terms. It will continue through October 8, the closing date of the last term. Classes will be taught by well-known Unity teachers.

Unity Training School, located at beautiful Unity Farm has as its purpose the training of persons who wish to become Unity ministers and teachers. Vacationists seeking spiritual unfoldment are also welcome when accommodations are available.

If you are interested in attending the Unity Training School, write for the interesting Prospectus, which gives full information regarding courses and living accommodations. Address G. LeRoy Dale, Registrar, Unity Training School, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Wee Wisdom *in Mexico*

A resident in Mexico in renewing her children's subscription wrote as follows:

"Our children are not ready to give up *Wee Wisdom* yet although the younger one is almost thirteen years of age! She had a tremendous response to her request for pen pals. She has received letters

from practically around the world, and I feel that it has been a splendid experience for her. In fact she managed to see one of her pen pals in Oregon when we went there on our vacation."

Wee Wisdom is Unity's magazine for children of five to thirteen years of age. Each month's issue contains a column of names of readers who want other readers to write to them. Children in Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Africa, British West Indies, and all parts of the United States ask that their names be listed. In this way children can have "Pen Pals" all over the world. They can learn about life in other localities and become proficient in letter writing.

Prosperity Bank User Receives Pay Increase

A Prosperity Bank User in Minnesota writes as follows:

"Although I have over a week left before my Bank will be full, I have prospered already. I desired an increase in pay at my place of employment and received triple the amount of the usual raise."

The Prosperity Bank drill has been helpful to Unity students for many years. Anyone requesting a Bank receives a small cardboard "Bank," a receptacle in which he deposits a coin each day at the time when he prays for prosperity. Prayers for prosperity are printed on the receptacle itself, also upon a leaflet accompanying the Bank. The money saved in the Bank is blessed and consecrated to the spreading of

Truth and may be used for orders for Unity literature or for any phase of the Unity ministry. The law of "Give, and it shall be given unto you" really works! Prosperity Bank users will tell you so.

New Greeting Booklet

The new greeting booklet for Easter is *The Good News,* by Zelia M. Walters. This story (formerly entitled "His Presence") first appeared in the April, 1944, issue of Unity magazine. In this booklet Mrs. Walters presents a fictional account of events that took place at the time of the Crucifixion. Elihu, one of the faithful, invited many ailing persons to his house, because he lived on the way from Jerusalem to Galilee. Elihu explained to his guests: "When the feast is done and He returns to Galilee He will go through this town, and He will stay the night in my house. That is His custom. So you will see Him here. And afterward you will ride back to your home healed."

When news of the Crucifixion came to Elihu he pondered how to tell his guests.

The remainder of the story is a vivid portrayal of Elihu's secret visit to Jerusalem and how healing was realized by the faithful even though Jesus was no longer among them in the flesh.

"Progress—*a Wonderful Magazine*"

A friend in Massachusetts renews her subscription for *Progress,* Unity's illustrated magazine and comments as follows:

"*Progress* is a wonderful magazine. I would not want to be without it. It has a variety of material, and all of it is very interesting. The

writings, illustrations, in fact all features of your magazine, give me such a peaceful, hopeful feeling."

If all men realized the truth about prosperity as well as they do about breathing, much of our financial worry as a race would be over; but there are still many who are fearful in matters of finance. They need the assurance that can come to them only as they definitely know and prove the law of their unfailing abundance and immediate supply to be as free, as natural, as responsive as breath itself.—*Ernest C. Wilson; The Great Physician.*

Daily Word *Comforts Blind Friend*

A blind friend in Pennsylvania writes of the help she has received from Braille *Daily Word:*

"Two years ago I fell and broke my hip. I was of course sent to the hospital. My husband brought me my *Daily*

Word, which immediately gave me a quiet and brave spirit with which to go through the operation. The nurses told me that I was very calm. In fact all I said was 'I am not afraid.'

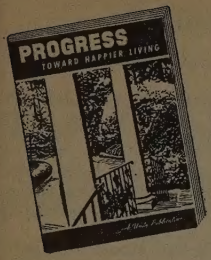
"Often I find that the day's lesson is just what I need, and I wouldn't want to be without it. I send my old copies to a blind friend in China. He writes such wonderful letters of appreciation. I hope many other persons find *Daily Word* as helpful as I do. It continually gives me courage to go on."

Just as *Daily Word* in Braille helps this friend it helps hundreds of other blind persons. In addition to *Daily Word* Unity publishes Wee *Wisdom* in Braille, so that blind children may enjoy the poems, stories, and other character-building features of this entertaining magazine for children. If you know of a blind adult who you believe would like to receive Braille *Daily Word* or of a blind child who is not receiving *Wee Wisdom,* let us know his name and address. Braille *Daily Word,* like Braille *Wee Wisdom,* is sent free to all who wish to receive them. Unity is assisted in this service to the blind by loyal friends who ask that their love offerings be used for this purpose.

Resurrection, *a Unity Pamphlet*

A Unity pamphlet, *Resurrection,* by James Dillet Freeman, contains a very inspiring meditation upon Jesus' triumph over death. Mr. Freeman writes, "After two thousand years the world in doubt and sorrow still echoes Mary's desolate cry. But He lives today as surely as He lived with the twelve who first followed Him from Galilee."

Resurrection has an attractive cover design and is suitable for inclosing in personal correspondence during the Easter season. It is priced at 5 cents a copy.



Progress MAGAZINE WILL DELIGHT YOUR FAMILY

Someone in your family, your wife, husband, son, or daughter (or yourself), likes stories that attract by their interest, articles that give a new slant on things, and short features that entertain. In PROGRESS, Unity's illustrated magazine, these delightful contents await him.

Progress Accents Happiness

"Progress toward happier living" is the motto of PROGRESS. Each issue teems with ideas for living richly and fully. PROGRESS shows how much day-by-day living, right association with others, and profitable use of leisure hours contribute to happiness, and it always presents tangible ideas that the reader can put into practice to achieve the happiness he is seeking.

If you want to add a "happiness accent" to your home, why not order a PROGRESS subscription for someone under its roof.

Progress is just $1 a year.

Unity School of Christianity, 917 Tracy, Kansas City 6, Mo.

A. M. V., Illinois, Reports:

"Want to write and let you know what wonderful results I had with my last Prosperity Bank. . . .

"A woman who had owed me $100 on a grocery bill for fifteen years and who hadn't been in my store for years walked in one morning and said, 'I want to pay you that old grocery bill.'

"So many good things happened, including a trip to Florida. My son found a lovely home in a very desirable location at about $2500 under the price that property like that was selling for.

"Another party paid me $200. That bill had stood for about seventeen years."

The foregoing letter is just one picked at random from among the hundreds that we receive from Prosperity Bank users. You too can experience added blessings of prosperity through the faithful use of the Prosperity Bank drill. The coupon below is for your convenience in requesting a Bank, and if you wish you may order UNITY magazine sent to three friends and use the amount you save in your Bank to pay for their subscriptions.

Unity School of Christianity, 917 Tracy, Kansas City 6, Mo.

Please send me a Prosperity Bank and ask Silent Unity to pray with me for a successful demonstration. I will use the drill seven weeks and save $3 for the three *Unity* magazine subscriptions (one year each) listed below:

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Send Unity Greeting Booklets to Your Friends

Remember your friends this Easter with cheering, Truth-filled messages such as are found in Unity greeting booklets. These booklets are attractive, of convenient size, and with each one comes an Easter mailing envelope requiring only one cent postage.

The New Greeting Booklet

The Good News, by Zelia M. Walters

This is a fictional account of one faithful man's experience with many maimed and ailing ones stopping in his home at the time of the Crucifixion. For a time he was without hope for them; then came the good news of the Resurrection. Through his faith in this good news he helped the faithful find healing even though Jesus was no longer among them in the flesh. A vivid word portrayal of the reactions of the people of that day to Jesus and His ministry.

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God Is Blessing You Now
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He Passed This Way
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Unity greeting booklets are 10 cents each, or 12 (your assortment or ours) for $1. Order now, in time for mailing. Booklets and envelopes are sent to you for remailing; we do not address them individually to your friends.

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"Reach Hither Thy Hand"

Hazel M. Kerr

It was not Peter's witness
  Nor John's triumphant word
That brought the truth to Thomas.
  His doubting heart was stirred
To faith in one high moment
  When, reaching out in grief,
He touched the living Presence
  That heals all unbelief.

In spite of Easter anthems
  This holiest of days,
In spite of glad hosannas
  Of resurrection praise,
Easter is not Easter
  Till, daring to reach out,
Each for himself discovers
  The answer to his doubt.